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CHIANG RENEWS HIS PLEDGE

East China's worst famine in history

The East China Zone is facing one of the worst famines in China's history, according to arrivals from Shanghai.
No less than 10,000,000 people are affected and the situation in some districts is becoming worse.
Passants are said to be selling their wives and children in stricken areas, where the number of deaths from starvation or illness is growing.—Reuter.

ANOTHER RAID ON SHANGHAI

Taipei, March 3. Nationalist planes bombed Shanghai yesterday in the first raid on the city this month. The Air Force headquarters here said the attack was concentrated on shipping in the harbour. It claimed that a 1,000-ton ship was set afire.

The raid was carried out by Mitchell medium bombers, which also attacked shipping on the Yangtze.
The headquarters claimed that four troopships and a concentration of 800 junks were bombed and strafed at Chinkiang, near Nanking, and a troop transport was hit at Wuhu.

Nationalist warplanes, the headquarters said, also attacked truck convoys on highways leading to Ningpo, 75 miles South of Shanghai, and small Communist craft off the mainland coast.

It said that 100,000 leaflets were dropped on Shanghai, Nanking and other coastal cities carrying the text of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's statement on Wednesday on his resumption of the Presidency.
The American manager of the Shanghai Power Company is locked in the plant 24 hours a day by the Communists so he will suffer the consequences of the Nationalist air raids, Nationalist officials said today.

The officials said that, after the initial raid, the manager was tied to a chair in a small office of the plant. Later, they said, the manager was untied but was not allowed to leave the premises.

NY statement

Officials were quoted as saying, "This is being done to jeopardize his life if the Nationalists resume their air attacks."
A New York spokesman for the American and Foreign Power Co., of which the Shanghai company is a subsidiary, confirmed that the manager, A. B. Gehrels, was locked in the plant during raids, but said he was allowed to go home at night.
(The spokesman said the Nationalists promised not to bomb the plant but went back on their promise.)

The plant supplies power for almost all of Shanghai's homes, industry and surface transportation. The company reported earlier that the raids had damaged the plant heavily.—Associated Press and United Press.
Communist anti-aircraft batteries defended the American ship, the Flying Clipper, from that ship's attack on February 27 in Tientsin harbor.
The ship is now in Tientsin, discharging more than 2,000 tons of high-grade cargo.
She is expected to leave Tientsin for Taku Bay today.
This was the first time that Communist forces have fired in defence of blockade-running ships.

The Weather

At 0000 GMT, (8 p.m. EST) the anticyclone is moving into the Pacific to the E of Japan. Pressure remains moderately high over E China and the Eastern Sea, and a shallow depression is moving Eastward to the S of Japan.
Today's Forecast: Moderate S and SE winds, fair and rather mild.
Yesterday's Weather:
Nanking: 64-74; Shanghai: 64-74; Canton: 64-74; Hong Kong: 64-74.
Rainfall: Nanking, 1.1; Shanghai, 1.1; Canton, 1.1; Hong Kong, 1.1.
Sunshine: Nanking, 11.1; Shanghai, 11.1; Canton, 11.1; Hong Kong, 11.1.
Clouds: Nanking, 11.1; Shanghai, 11.1; Canton, 11.1; Hong Kong, 11.1.
Wind: Nanking, 11.1; Shanghai, 11.1; Canton, 11.1; Hong Kong, 11.1.
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Humidity: Nanking, 11.1; Shanghai, 11.1; Canton, 11.1; Hong Kong, 11.1.
Visibility: Nanking, 11.1; Shanghai, 11.1; Canton, 11.1; Hong Kong, 11.1.

Promises fight against "Russian aggression" CHEERED BY CROWDS

Taipei, March 3.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today predicted the return of his Nationalist forces to the mainland, and pledged to fight to the finish against Russian aggression everywhere.

Some 75,000 Chinese and Taiwanese massed in a publicly sponsored demonstration to acclaim Chiang's return to the Presidency cheered wildly at the Generalissimo's words.

With Madame Chiang standing proudly by his side on the balcony of the red brick "President's House," Chiang told his audience: "There shall be one slogan from now—fight Chinese Communists, fight Soviet Communists, fight Russian aggression everywhere."

Then in a voice hoarsened momentarily by deep emotion, he said many mistakes had been made in the past but that it is not too late.
"We must—will—fight our way back to the mainland," he declared.

A tremendous roar rolled up from the big parade ground and the pavements fronting the balcony as his listeners answered, "Yes, yes."

Crowds broke through the security cordon to get a closer view of General and Madame Chiang.
Chiang said the loyalty and support given him in Taiwan made him feel even more sorrowful over what had happened on the mainland, but at the same time very much encouraged his plans to reconquer it.

"I pledge myself," he declared, "to liberate my fellow countrymen on the mainland from bondage. We shall crush the Communists, build a free and happier China and restore the integrity of our republic."

Anti-Russian

A long parade coursed through the beflagged streets of the city, cheered by many floats.
One which evoked particular enthusiasm showed the Russian Premier, Stalin, being hit on the head with a huge hammer.

Many anti-Russian cartoons were plastered about the city. One showed a Communist general cowering before Stalin. On the seal of the general's trousers was a hammer and sickle.
Another picture showed Stalin happily holding two strings of Chinese skulls.

Prior to Chiang's appearance on the balcony, representatives of various Governmental and private organizations pledged their faith in the Generalissimo.

BRITISH WORKERS RESTIVE

London, March 3. The Labour Government, reported to be in a mood to soft-pedal nationalisation in an effort to stay in power, faces new threats today in its own camp—from the workers who support it.

A nation-wide strike vote was ordered among 3,000,000 members of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. They are to decide whether to strike or to arbitrate. Their Government rejected demands for a raise in pay of £1 a week. The Government has appealed for a freeze on most wages in a move against inflation.

London busmen, numbering 35,000, also put forward a claim for another £1 a week.
Two small strikes broke out—by 1,500 dockers in London and among Do Havilland aircraft workers at Hatfield.
The Government has no intention of abandoning steel nationalisation by repealing the Act passed by the last Parliament. It was authoritatively learned today.

The Cabinet today finally approved the King's speech on business for Parliament, session opening on Monday—and the speech, it is stated, will reveal no "all-out" on steel.
The Socialist plan to nationalise steel was the most controversial issue of the last Parliament. House of Lords blocking (senior) prevented the Government from passing the necessary Bill until the end of 1949.—Associated Press and Reuter.

and the fight to the finish against Communism.
Later, an hour-long gala demonstration was held.
Yesterday Chiang told 1,500 Government officials that it was time for them to strip for action, and outlined his programme to save China.

Li's position

Meanwhile the flutter caused by General Li Tsung-jen's statement that he would return home and challenge Generalissimo Chiang's right to the Presidency has died down.
Political quarters here are convinced that General Li is quite powerless to dethrone the Generalissimo.

There is a general belief here that General Li has overplayed his hand.
He could have returned as Acting President as the door was open but by dilly-dallying he slammed it shut—so the argument runs.

Even General Li's long-time political partner, General Pai Chung-hui, has refused to commit himself in support of General Li's action.
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U.S. attitude

In Washington, the State Department implied last night that America will recognize Generalissimo Chiang rather than General Li as President of Nationalist China.
The Press Officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, said that the State Department has now received formal notification that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has resumed the Presidency of China.

Asked whom the United States now recognizes as President of Nationalist China, Mr. McDermott said: "That is a matter for a decision by the Government of China."
President Truman had earlier told a Press conference that he had invited General Li to a luncheon conference yesterday in his capacity as Acting President of China.

According to friends of General Li, he cabled Generalissimo Chiang earlier yesterday calling him a cheat and traitor. He said on Wednesday night that the Generalissimo had no constitutional right to resume the Presidency, which he relinquished last year.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

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Summer time starting on April 2

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All clocks will be advanced a full hour at 3.30 a.m. that day. This will place local time nine hours ahead of GMT.

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The Presidential Tandem



President Soekarno of the United States of Indonesia pedals merrily on his bicycle, his wife behind him. Seen during the President's recent tour of India as he was on his way to see the Taj Mahal. (AP Photo).

PHILIPPINES FEAR A COMMUNIST OUTBREAK

Manila, March 3.

The Philippines Army fears that the invasion of Taiwan by the Chinese Communists, expected within the next month or so, will precipitate an outbreak of Communist activity with serious danger to the internal security of the islands.

Brigadier-General Calixto Duque, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, told the House Appropriations Committee today that the Army is prepared to clap 25,000 suspected Chinese Communists into stockades in the event of an outbreak of subversive activity.

General Duque said Army intelligence sources have the names of 500 known Chinese Communists. Because there is no Philippines law against membership in the Communist Party, the Army is powerless to act unless there is a grave national emergency.

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NEWSPAPER CHALLENGE TO MR. STRACHEY

London, March 3.

Lord Beaverbrook's "Evening Standard" today challenged Mr. Strachey to amplify an unprecedented statement from No. 10 Downing Street by stating where, when and under what circumstances he had ever publicly disavowed his belief in Communism.

The "Evening Standard"—strongly anti-Socialist in the general election—attacked Mr. Strachey yesterday in a front page article in which it said he was an avowed Communist.

Mr. Strachey is in a post where he will be largely responsible for counter-espionage against Communists such as the scientist, Klaus Fuchs, who gave Russia secrets of the atom bomb.

Today the "Standard," replying to the Government denial, said: "On receipt of this statement the 'Evening Standard' made renewed efforts for any statements by Mr. Strachey disavowing his belief in Communism. Prolonged research has failed to reveal any record of such statements."

"No. 10 Downing Street were asked to supply [the details and dates of any such statements. They referred the 'Evening Standard' reporter to Mr. Strachey."

The "Standard" continued: "Inquiries from Mr. Strachey himself were similarly abortive. The reporter was told by his secretary 'There is no statement on the matter from Mr. Strachey at the moment.'"

"The 'Evening Standard' did not, of course, at any time assert that Mr. Strachey had been a member of the Communist Party. The 'Standard' printed its statement yesterday in view of the gravity of the situation following the Fuchs case."

Country anxious

"The situation is not less grave today: there is anxiety and disquiet in the country about the inefficiency of our security arrangements."

"At this time there should be no grounds for any misgivings whatsoever about the views and doctrines of the Minister in charge of the War Office and of Mr. Strachey. The 'Evening Standard' therefore raises the following questions:

"1. On what date in 1940 did Mr. Strachey make a statement that he was in fundamental disagreement with the Communist Party?"

"2. Was this statement made publicly, if so in what circumstances and at what time and place?"

"3. Has he at any time since 1940 publicly disavowed his belief in Communism?"

"4. If so, what form did such a statement take and where was it made?"

Other London afternoon newspapers did not mention the "Evening Standard's" charges.—United Press.

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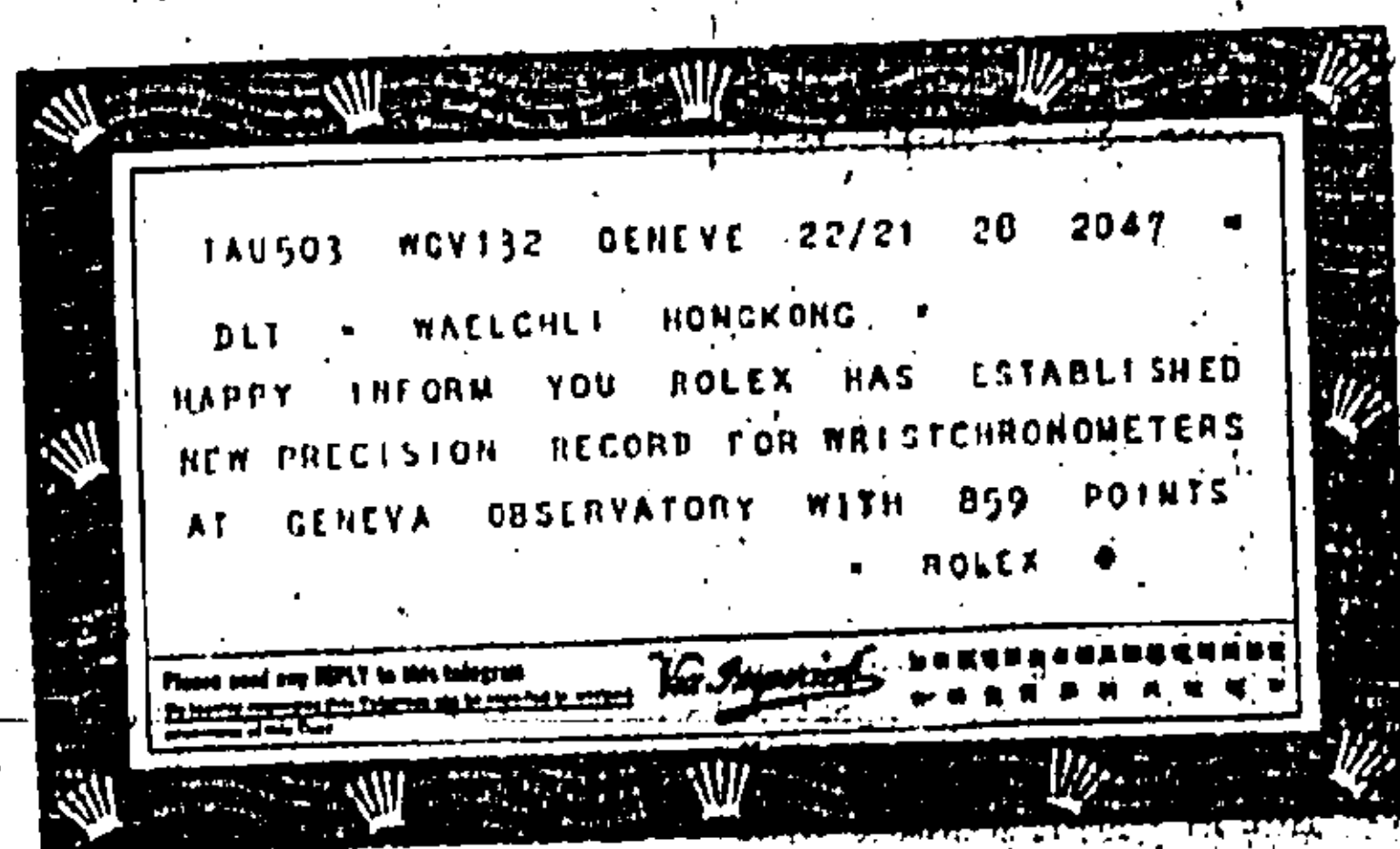
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DEATH SENTENCE FOR MURDERER OF WOMAN

The death penalty was imposed on Cheong Yip, 25-year-old travelling trader, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when an all-men jury unanimously found him guilty of murdering a woman into whose house he had sneaked one night.

The prisoner, who partly severed the deceased's head from her body with a chopper, claimed he did it after he had wrested the chopper from the woman whom he maintained, attacked him first.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

RESPONSE TO CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sir.—At the University Congregation the Vice-Chancellor expressed his disappointment at the lack of response to the call to join the Hong Kong Volunteers.

As regards the local boys, the explanation can be found in the very able letter by "An Englishwoman" in your paper of March 1, and the other correspondence re the calling in of relief money to the refugees in Macao.

It is heartening to realize that there are at least a few British people in the Colony who take an interest in the well-being of the local born during the war.

Yours,
LOCAL BOY.

Alleged to have beaten his father

A 30-year-old man was said to have beaten his father up because he was denied money to go to a show. The case came before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday where Ng Hong-ming, the defendant, was charged with inflicting bodily harm on his father, Ng Pak-yin, who was in court with a bandaged head.

Sub-inspector J. H. Evans, conducting the case, told the court that defendant was refused the money asked as he had been given some recently by his father, whereupon defendant assaulted Ng.

The father, continued Mr. Evans, had observed to the police after the alleged incident that his son had been behaving in an unusual manner. Defendant was sent to the Kowloon Hospital but the medical officer there had said that he found no evidence of insanity.

At this point Mr. Wicks interrupted and asked how it was possible for a decision to be reached as to defendant's state of mind after the short examination (Ng was not detained in hospital). Mr. Wicks then cited the case where a man was pronounced to be sane by a medical officer in Kowloon Hospital but later found to be mentally unbalanced when he was sent to be examined by an expert.

A remand of seven days in hospital custody was ordered for Ng Hong-ming. The magistrate further ordered defendant to be given a check-up by an expert in the Mental Hospital.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish arrivals at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday.

Species	Price	Quantity
Glass Fish	\$1.52	1270
White Pomfret (large)	2.50	100
Macap Sole (large)	2.10	100
Golden Thread	1.72	100
Howe Head (small)	1.50	100
Conner Pike	1.25	100
Red Sea Bream (small)	1.25	100
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.10	100

DEATH OF OLD HK RESIDENT

Mrs. Amelia Pauline Landau, widow of the late Mr. A. Landau, died at her residence at No. 20 Hankow Road, Kowloon, yesterday after a long illness.

Mrs. Landau, who was born in Bedford, England, had lived in Hong Kong for more than 25 years. She was 71 years of age.

Mrs. Landau is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Rowena Hughes, and two sons, Emil and Leo, as well as by three grandchildren, Barbara and Harry Landau and Dolores Owen Hughes.

Mercantile Bank dividend

The Board of Directors of the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, have recommended payment of a final dividend of 12 per cent on the income tax making 12 per cent in all for the year 1949.

Personalities

Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaw, Miss D. M. Ching, Messrs. R. A. Silva, W. A. Stewart, A. Kravchenko, A. Reid, D. Filpo, F. G. Bird, Lin Ring-chang, and Chang Wong-luan left Hong Kong for Sydney by Qantas Empire Airways yesterday.

Miss B. N. Bicheno, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carr, Messrs. H. Kreuzer, E. Thompson, W. C. Cassels, A. J. Dodd, K. Senoh, G. Hjornqvist and Ruffman T. Pennman left this Colony for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. B. E. Jones and D. Prasad left for Rangoon by BOAC yesterday.

Departures by BOAC for Bangkok yesterday included Messrs. J. McCausland, E. R. Russell and Mrs. Garnett.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Miss R. B. Macanay, Mrs. G. Nolasco, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Armstrong, Messrs. R. C. Miller, J. L. Buxant, G. J. Manning and D. L. Mercado.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. V. B. Chuidian, Miss B. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McDonnell, Miss G. Paulley, Miss O. Wygant, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carr, Messrs. W. R. Brucker, C. Creney, J. B. Pollard, H. McDonald, Q. Romano, R. T. Brooks, A. D. Bennett, E. Thompson, and L. D. Murphy.

Mrs. I. L. Christensen, Messrs. M. R. Samuelsen, A. M. Vansitt, H. C. Tang and Captain B. Bowes were among those who left Hong Kong for Bangkok yesterday by CFA.

Departures by CPA yesterday for Singapore included Mr. S. Cooley and a number of Servicemen.

Mr. J. A. Schmid left the Colony for Haiphong yesterday by CFA.

Education week in Singapore

Singapore will hold an Education Week from May 8 to 13. There will be a central exhibition at the Victoria Memorial Hall and during the week, each school will have its own exhibition for pupils and parents.

Education will be shown as a common purpose of the Singapore community, integrating its peoples and languages.

By coincidence, the Singapore Teachers' Union will hold a Music and Drama Festival at the same time, and the Junior Symphony Orchestra will also give a concert.

Mr. A. W. Frisby, Singapore's Director of Education, recently reviewed the Colony's general education policy. He said that there are now 225,000 children of school age, and in 10 years' time there will be 300,000. At present, there are 120,000 children attending schools of all kinds. The Ten-Year Plan will bring in a further 82,000, and the supplementary plan will add 90,000 more in five years.

More than 60,000 of the 120,000 at school now are receiving free or subsidised education, and those who have entered Government schools in 1949 will all receive six years primary education without fee.

On the language question, Mr. Frisby said that the policy is to give efficient vernacular instruction in English schools. Each child should have education in English and a chosen vernacular language.

For example, six teachers here being recruited to India to train teachers will be needed and they should have permanent establishment.

REFUGEES TO BE AIRLIFTED

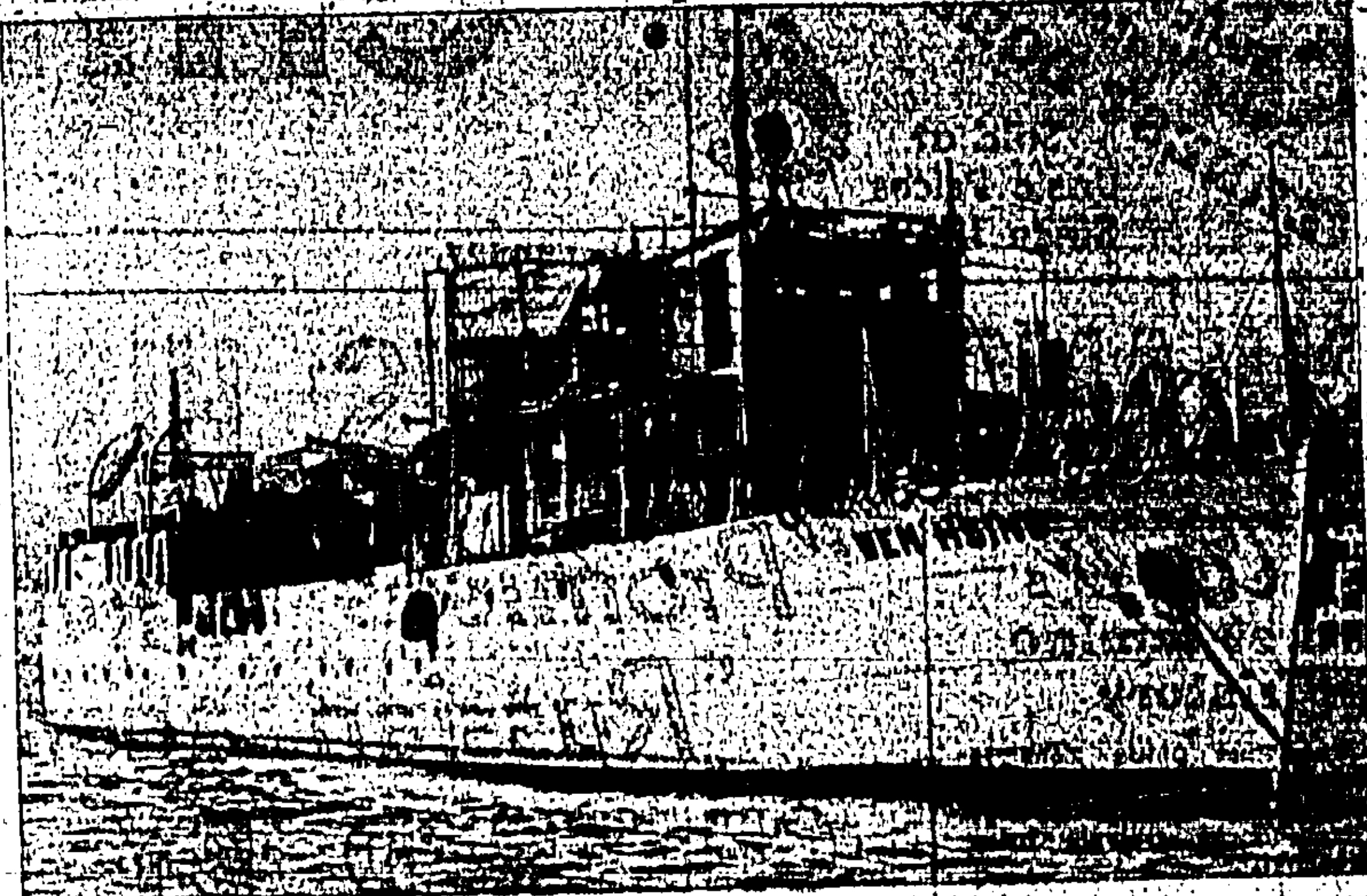
An American-owned Flying Tiger Airlines DC-4 "Skymaster" arrived from Palestine yesterday to stand by for airlifting Jewish refugees to the Holy Land.

Chartered by the International Refugee Organisation, through Cathay Pacific Airways, the aircraft arrived here without passengers. The captain of the DC-4 is Mr. H. D. Mullineux.

It is expected that a vessel carrying 100 refugees from North and Central China will be expected to arrive here shortly.

WEDDINGS

Miss Catherine Dallis George, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. George, was married at 11.15 a.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral to Mr. John George, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. George. The bride was attended by her mother and the bridesmaids were Misses R. G. George and J. George. The groom was attended by his father and the best man was Mr. J. George.



Nationalist P-51's enforcing the blockade in the Pearl River region started and bombed this 228-ton Chinese river motorship—Wen Hsing—at Pak Ki, Kongmoon, on February 5. In incendiary bombs caused severe fires which gutted the superstructure completely. About 40 cannon shells staggered through her hull which caused the bows to submerge in 10 feet of water. ("China Mail" Photo).

Bombed blockade runner towed into the harbour

Gutted by fire from incendiary bombs and holed by 40 cannon shells in her hull, the Chinese river motorship Wen Hsing returned to Hong Kong yesterday from Kongmoon via Macao. The 228-ton blockade runner was towed into port early at dawn by the salvage tug Frosty Moller—disabled and bearing grim evidence of her ordeal under heavy strafing and bombing by Nationalist P-51's on February 5 afternoon at Pak Ki, Kongmoon.

The nerve-racking 20-minute attack by the two raiders and the subsequent salvage of the motorship were told in the "China Mail" yesterday by personnel of the Wen Hsing and Mr. F. W. Winyard, Consultant Engineer for the owners, Overseas Navigation Company, who supervised the five-day salvage work.

The Wen Hsing was the only large river vessel in port when the raid began in broad daylight on February 5. There were about 15 men aboard the vessel when the first aircraft swooped down and blasted away with its cannons.

"We were all in the aft crew's quarters and sought refuge in the lower deck during the attack. None of us were injured," eye witnesses informed the "China Mail".

The raiders dropped several bombs, some of which exploded on the fore part of the ship causing several outbreaks.

The fire developed and spread to all parts of the ship. It burned for about two hours before the crew managed to extinguish the flames.

A shore fire-fighting squad helped the ship's personnel to fight the conflagration which gutted the superstructure completely.

The outbreaks started 10 minutes after the bombing began. The crew had to remain in their lower deck refuge until the raiders left the scene. Their quarters were saved, which is one of the few parts of the vessel untouched by the flames.

Numerous smaller river craft around the Wen Hsing which were clustered in the narrow harbour of the West River port were sunk according to the informants. The place was covered with floating wreckage, they added.

Pak Ki, principal village of Kongmoon, did not seem to suffer serious damage. The informants said that the extent of damage, however, they could not say whether casualties were heavy or not.

Mr. Winyard said that when the salvage party arrived on the scene on February 15, the Wen Hsing was lying in about 16 feet of water with the bows down. "She had been hit by a direct hit immediately to ascertain the extent of the damage. It was found that the damaged area was confined to the port side of the hull with about 40 holes above and below the waterline," the salvage supervisor said.

Preparations were made on the following day to refloat the Wen Hsing. The informants were plugging the holes and putting down together and sawed around the stern of the ship which was not resting on the river bed at high tide, and slipped to the fore end of the hull.

Pumping operations continued until the afternoon of February 20, when the river vessel was afloat and in a seaworthy condition to make the voyage to Macao.

The weather throughout the operation was bad. The sky was overcast and rain fell at intervals. The day was dark and the water was choppy.

The water temperature was about 20 degrees Celsius and the air temperature was about 25 degrees Celsius. The wind was from the south-east at about 10 knots.

The Wen Hsing was towed by the Frosty Moller and the salvage party. The operation was completed on February 21.

Shipping employees' demand

Rather than go to Canton with the company, Hong Kong employees of the semi-Kuomintang-controlled Kwangai Navigation Company have asked to be retrained and demand three months' salary.

Six Canton officials, meanwhile, are in Hong Kong conferring with principals of the company regarding the so-called "Kwai" which will be sent to Canton for re-training to join her sister ship, the ss. Kwai Shan, now undergoing a similar process there.

The "Kwai" is a converted United States Navy landing craft, is now in a local dockyard being overhauled. She is due to leave dock within this week.

Reliable sources disclosed last evening to the "China Mail" that 10 employees of the company are awaiting replies from the management before they decide whether to go to Canton or remain in Hong Kong.

The employees are working on the ss. Kwai Shan, an informant said. Asked what he would do, he declared that he would seek work in some other local firm rather than go to the Kuomintang capital.

Master on unusual charge

Mr. P. J. Hawksworth, master of the British blockade runner, the ss. "Kwai", has been charged in absentia at the Marine Court yesterday for failing to hoist the "Blue Peter"—a signal flag before sailing out of port on February 21.

Mr. D. G. Cairns, Marine Magistrate, cautioned defendant, who was represented by an official of the agents, Johnson Shipping Company.

Mr. Hawksworth is meanwhile at sea on another trip to Pak Ki.

Sub-inspector Mackenzie, prosecuting officer for the Marine Court, told the Court that the ss. "Kwai" did not hoist the "Blue Peter" before sailing out of the harbour on February 21. The vessel was not searched, normal and proper markings were not hoisted, and the vessel was not properly manned.

Mr. Cairns declared that defendant is meanwhile out at sea and that he was there to represent him. Mr. Hawksworth, he told the Court that the master of the ss. "Kwai" had instructed a quartermaster to put up the flag, but the man had forgotten to do so.

PARCEL SERVICE SUSPENDED

The insured parcel service between Hong Kong and Canton had been temporarily suspended, it was officially learned yesterday.

On of the reasons for the suspension is the violation of the neutral zone by the Kuomintang service.

C-IN-O FELL LEAVES HK

General Sir John Harding and Lady Harding left Hong Kong yesterday for Singapore after a week in the Colony.

The Commander-in-Chief of the British Far Eastern Command, General Sir John Harding, was accompanied by his wife and two children.

During the week, he supervised the transfer of the New Territories to the Chinese Government and the handover of the New Territories to the Chinese Government.

HK DEFENCE FORCE'S CELEBRATION DINNER

SOLDIERS RETURN TO HK

Twenty-five former Nationalist soldiers returned to Hong Kong yesterday from Taiwan where Nationalist officials refused to allow them to land.

The soldiers left Hong Kong a week ago on the British ship Kwongming, along with 800 other former Nationalist soldiers.

In Keelung, Nationalist officials carefully screened the entire group. Of the total, 830 soldiers were allowed to land in Taiwan, and 100 were sent by the Nationalists to rejoin their units in the Chinese and Pescadore Islands.

Marine police boarded the Kwongming yesterday afternoon, and escorted the 25 soldiers off the ship.

An officer said that the men would be taken care of in the Tung Wah Hospital, and if they could get jobs, would be allowed to stay in the Colony.

The drab-looking group clutched their uniforms and small packages of food.

One soldier held tightly to his only possession—two cans of pineapple.

Most of them want to return to their homes in China.

They walked from the wharf to Tung Wah Hospital accompanied by a European officer.

Screening in Taiwan was reported to have been especially strict on the political views and sympathies of the soldiers.

However, except for lack of papers, no detailed explanation was given by the Nationalists as to why they refused to allow the men to land.

HK REGIMENT PROMOTIONS

A number of promotions in the Hong Kong Regiment have been approved by the Governor. They are:

Private A.J.S. McFadyen; Major Private S.M. Bard; Captain; Private E.L. Gosano; Captain; Lady H.E. Banting; Lieutenant.

PRICE CHANGES

Further readjustments in the officially controlled prices of commodities were announced yesterday. They are:

Maximum Retail Price: Cereals: Leslie Brand Quaking Oatflakes \$1.20 per 20 oz tin.

Margarine: Golden Pastures Brand Margarine \$1.60 per lb tin.

Tea: Ceylonia Green Label \$5.25 per lb pkt; Ceylonia Green Label \$2.70 per 1/2 lb pkt.

Lard: White Label Vegetable Lard \$3.25 per 2 lbs tin.

Meat—Canned: Corned Beef—Globe Brand \$1.65 per 12 oz tin; Picnic Ham—Mayfair Brand \$6.80 per 30 oz tin.

Sugar: Cube Sugar (packed in cartons) 60 cents per lb.

Lane, Crawford's centenary party

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Lady Grantham, headed a list of distinguished personalities who were invited to attend Lane Crawford's centenary celebration at the Hong Kong Hotel roof garden yesterday.

Mr. F. C. Barry, chairman of the Board of Directors, received the guests as they arrived.

Several hundred people gathered in the small auditorium to wish the firm best wishes as it embarked on its 101st year after a century devoted to enterprise and expansion.

In a short address Mr. Barry thanked the gathering for coming. Sir Arthur Morse, chief manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, tended a suitable reply.

Lane Crawford's was established one hundred years ago by a

The Hong Kong Defence Force yesterday celebrated the first anniversary of its birth with a dinner held last night in the Drill Shed, Murray Parade Ground, which was attended by nearly 500 members and their guests.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who was present, told the gathering: "I know I am speaking on behalf of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief and of myself when I say I am very well pleased with the qualities and extremely proud of the Defence Force."

The Band of the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, was in attendance.

Immediately after the dinner, Colonel J. T. Rice, Defence Force Commandant, spoke briefly and humorously of the birth of the Force, which he likened to that of a birth of quintuplets—namely, the Regiment, the Auxiliary Air Force, the Naval Force, the Home Guard and the Women's Volunteer Force.

After fixing a single candle on a cake, Colonel Rice praised the keenness of the Force during the past year. This, he said, was most gratifying. Touching on the question of each of the "quintuplets" he congratulated the Force for their co-operation in making the Force a success.

Governor's tribute
Sir Alexander, after presenting the prizes to the winners of the recent Defence Force Rifle Meet, declared that he had to go to many functions in Hong Kong, but this particular function was one of his greatest pleasures since he came to Hong Kong. "And I hope it will not be the last," he added.

The Governor went on to say that there had been a good many recruiting drives. But what was more important than numbers was the quality which the present members had.

"I know I am speaking on behalf of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief and of myself when I say I am very well pleased with the qualities and extremely proud of the Defence Force."

Referring to Colonel Rice's comment on the keenness of its members, Sir Alexander said he could only be impressed with this, in particular with the attendance on parade. He had served in Hong Kong before as a Government official, he added, and he knew what it was to abandon a day's work to give up a few hours to do some other job.

Turning to the subject of the Shooting Competition, the Governor pointed out the high standard of shooting—and also the enthusiasm shown by the ladies, and said he hoped they would be able to compete next year.

"In conclusion, I officially and personally thank you for what you have been doing for Hong Kong."

Prize winners
Prizes in the Rifle Meet were presented last night.

Cheylesmore Competition:—"The Holmes Cup"—won by Force Headquarters, comprising Lt. Col. J. G. Fisher, Lt. D. H. Holmes, Lt. S. A. Fowler, Pte. D. C. C. Luddington, and RSM Jones (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 2 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. J. A. C. Hurlbutt, Cpl. G. S. Winch, White, Cpl. J. Wald, Pte. T. S. McKenna (Bronze Medals).

China Competition:—"The China Cup"—won by HKAF, comprising Pte. O. H. L. Booker, AC 2 J. J. Holland, AC 2 A. N. Thomas, AC 2 B. F. Pomeroy, AC 2 A. G. G. L. Chan, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 3 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 4 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 5 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 6 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 7 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 8 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 9 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 10 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 11 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 12 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 13 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 14 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 15 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 16 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 17 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 18 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 19 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 20 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 21 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 22 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 23 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 24 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Runners up: No. 25 Platoon, HK Regiment, comprising Lt. R. H. K. Clifton, Sgt. G. A. Lemay, H. K. Jones, Sgt. R. F. Jones, Pte. R. M. B. G. G. L. Chan, LAC P. L. S. Wong (Silver Medals).

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Gramophone Society, Classical Concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
King George V School annual sports, 2 p.m.
European YMCA, Gay Variety Programme, by "The Aces", West Lounge, 8 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Mahjong Class 3 p.m.; Tombola, 8 p.m.
Consecration at St. Stephen's College Chapel, Stanley, 3.45 p.m.
Cheero Service Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
Old Pauline Reunion Dinner, HK Club, 7.30 p.m.
Lane Crawford Limited, Centenary Dance and Dinner, Cafe Wiseman, 7.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Toc H classical concert, 8.00, Macdonald Road, 8.00 p.m.
HK Art Club sketching party, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, Sacred Concert by Swatow Christian Church choir, 8 p.m.

CANE FOR BOY

A twelve-year-old boy, a returned banished, was sentenced to 12 strokes of the cane and ordered to be re-banished by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

He was charged with being a returned banished and also with larceny of several articles of clothing on March 2.

Detective Sub Inspector R. G. Laurel said that the defendant was seen walking along Percival Street on Thursday afternoon by Detective Police Constable 102, Li Sin. Suspecting him of being a returned banished, the detective took him to the Eastern Police Station where the boy was searched. Ten pawn-tickets were found in his pockets.

The owners of five of the pawned articles of clothing arrived to claim them. The owners had not reported their losses as they deemed the articles of little value.

The owners of the other five articles of clothing did not appear to make their claims and the boy said that they belonged to him.

In sentencing the boy, Mr. Tam said that the pawnbrokers were partly to blame. They should not accept articles from under-aged persons. In fact, he said, he would order the pawnbrokers to have committed an offence if they did accept articles for pawn from under-aged persons.

In order to serve as a warning to other pawn brokers, Mr. Tam told the owners of the articles to pay only \$12 for the return of three articles pawned for \$24, and \$10 for the two pawned for \$12. The remainder of the money was to be borne by the pawnbrokers.

OLD OFFENDER

Francis Sanchez, aged 31, was fined \$18 by Mr. Hin-shin Lo at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and incapable.

Defendant was found lying in D'Aguilar Street near Queen's Road West on March 2.

According to the prosecution defendant had been previously in court on the same charge. He had been fined several times and had been to prison.

The Hong Kong Women's International Club held an informal dance for Servicemen on Thursday. Some 40 couples attended.

Eight refreshments were served during the evening. Next Thursday the Club will organize a Whist Drive for the Forces at 7.30 p.m.

Nurses' travelling scholarship award

Hong Kong has been awarded a War Memorial Travelling Scholarship for Nurses by the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund. It was officially announced yesterday.

The award, in respect of this year, carries certain conditions. The candidate must be a Colonial British subject, a State Registered Nurse, and a State Certified Midwife in the United Kingdom, or possess comparable qualifications.

The candidate must have not less than five years' experience after completion of training, exclusive of any post-graduate course. She must have followed an approved course at a recognized institution in a country other than her own.

The choice of the course should be stated on the application form, although it will not necessarily be considered as final. The candidate must have the basic qualifications and the experience necessary for the course she selected.

The scholarship is to the value of £250 sterling. An expense travelling and otherwise over and above the £250 must be paid by the candidate. The award is made by the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund.

On the basis of this year's award, the candidate must be a Colonial British subject, a State Registered Nurse, and a State Certified Midwife in the United Kingdom, or possess comparable qualifications.

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Sequel to fire in Queen's Rd.

The fire which broke out at 251 Queen's Road West on the morning of February 24 when the whole building was destroyed, resulted in Li Yam-mo, aged 44, being brought before Mr. Hin-shin Lo at Central yesterday.

Defendant, described as a grocery shop master, pleaded guilty to charges of violation of conditions of the Dangerous Goods Licence and of committing a public mischief.

He was fined \$1,000 on each count.

Mr. R.A.J. Brooks of the Fire Brigade prosecuted and said that on the morning of February 24 a fire broke out at 251 Queen's Road West, ground floor.

The fire originated under the wooden staircase leading to the upper floors, and involved some drums of kerosene stored under the staircase.

The fire spread very rapidly, and within seven minutes the verandah had collapsed. Five minutes later all the upper floors and roof had collapsed.

The fire was so intense that it had spread across Queen's Road West and Mul Fong Street, involving houses on the opposite side.

Warning fortunate

It was extremely fortunate for the occupants of the upper floors that they were warned of the fire early and were able to escape by an opening onto the roof, he said.

Defendant possessed a licence to store 32 gallons of kerosene in an approved pit in the yard.

A total of 230 gallons of kerosene was found, approximately 190 gallons in excess. The kerosene was stored in the shop, most of it under the staircase. Some 10 drums were found opposite the staircase under the shop counter.

The building and contents were destroyed by the fire. The adjoining buildings were severely damaged and the houses opposite were damaged.

It was extremely fortunate that no lives were lost especially when the upper floors were completely destroyed. Mr. Brooks said.

"Six firemen almost lost their lives and were very lucky to have escaped."

In imposing the fine Mr. Lo said that defendant was greedy for financial gain with no regard to the lives and property of others.

FORGED NOTES ALLEGATION

The three defendants charged with possession of forged United States banknotes were committed to stand trial by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday when preliminary hearings on the case ended.

Mr. T. Cashman, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigations testified yesterday. He told the court of the arrest of Tam Kuen and Tam Chai-wo at Koi Tak on November 22, when the two defendants were about to embark on a plane for Japan.

Each of their suitcases, Mr. Cashman said, revealed a number of packages of United States banknotes said to be counterfeit.

More notes allegedly forged notes and various paraphernalia and chemicals were taken by the police at 722 Nathan Road, first floor, the residence of Tam Kuen; Mr. Cashman said.

All defendants reserved their defence through their respective counsel. Tam Kuen is represented by Mr. Peter Chen, Tam Chai-wo and Tam Chai-bing by Mr. V. J. d'Alton who was instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart. Mr. Cashman is conducting the prosecution.

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value of £350 sterling. All
expenses, travelling and other-
wise, over and above the
£350 must be paid by the
student and guaranteed in ad-
vance either by her or the
body sponsoring her and must
be made available before she
leaves Hong Kong. Assistance
towards the cost of second
class return passages may be
given under certain conditions
by the Government of Hong
Kong, if it can be shown that
without such assistance the
successful candidate would not
be able to take up the Schol-
arship.

Application forms may be
obtained from the Principal
Matron, Medical Department,
1st Floor, Hong Kong and
Shanghai Bank Building and
should be returned to her not
later than March 15.

J. NEWTON,
Director
of Medical Services.

POLICE NOTICE

A portable Royal Type-
writer which was left in a
Taxi last September is in
Police possession. Will any
one claiming this machine
please communicate with the
Divisional Superintendent,
Eastern Police Station.

COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL
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ANNOUNCES THAT EFFECTIVE FROM MONDAY
MARCH 6th THEIR HONG KONG DISTRICT SALES
AND SHIPPING OFFICES WILL BE IN

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ROOMS 404-5 AND 420-2, FOURTH FLOOR
TELEPHONE 28094 (5 LINES)

GENERAL OFFICE, OPERATIONS AND ACCOUNT-
ING DEPARTMENTS REMAIN AT 12-14, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL, FIFTH FLOOR. TELEPHONE
36051 (3 LINES)

THE TEXAS COMPANY (CHINA) LTD.
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ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly
General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be
held at the Head Office of the Company, 6, Des Voeux Road,
Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, March 15, 1950, at 3.00
p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports
of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and
Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending Decem-
ber 31, 1949, and for the appointment of Auditors and De-
claration of Dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed
from March 6 to March 15, 1950 (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. S. YUAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, March 1, 1950.

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By order of the Commander
RAOC HQ, Land Forces the
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Tender Forms and Orders
to view may be obtained from
CRAOC HQ, Land Forces, C.
Block Married Quarters, Vic-
toria Bks. (Next St. Joseph
College, Kennedy Road) on ap-
plication with HK\$200.00 de-
posit (cash only).

Tenders close 1200 hrs Mon-
day 13 March 1950.

THE HONGKONG LAND
INVESTMENT &
AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the FIFTY EIGHTH OR-
DINARY YEARLY MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the
Offices of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on
MONDAY, 20th March, 1950,
at NOON to receive the Report
of the Directors together with
the Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st December,
1949, to confirm the appoint-
ment of two Directors, to elect
Directors, and to appoint Au-
ditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES
of the Company will be closed
from MONDAY, 6th March,
1950, to MONDAY, 20th March,
1950, both days, inclusive,
during which period no trans-
fer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
B. C. FIELD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong February 24, 1950.

NOTICE

ROYAL SANITARY
INSTITUTE.

(Hong Kong Branch)

An Examination for Sanitary
Inspectors under the Hong
Kong Examination Board of
the Royal Sanitary Institute
will be held on Monday the
13th March, 1950.

An entry fee of \$75 will be
charged for this examination.

Application forms for entry
to the above examination may
be obtained from the Hon.
Secretary, Room 109, Hong
Kong and Shanghai Bank
Building.

The application list will close
on Thursday the 9th March,
1950.

EMILY STRANGE,
Hon. Secretary.

Royal Sanitary Institute
(Hong Kong Branch)

NOTICE

APEXIOR

As from March 1st 1950.
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Newcastle-on-Tyne have taken
over the Agency for APEXIOR
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poo \$ 3.50

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Jilted suitor
sentenced for
attack on girl

A young Chinese who hit his sweetheart on the
head with a chopper when she refused to
marry him was given six and a half years
and 10 strokes at the Criminal Sessions yester-
day.

The Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams,
told Suen Chak-lam, aged 27, that the girl's
annoying behaviour towards him did not jus-
tify his giving vent to anger and acting the
way he did.

"You might well have killed
her," Mr. Williams told the
prisoner.

An all-male jury who deliberated
for five minutes returned a
unanimous verdict of guilty of
wounding with intent to cause
grievous bodily harm.

On the night of May 10, 1948,
accused—a firewood and charcoal
dealer—was walking with 21-
year-old Pang Lai-yu, a seam-
stress employed in a shop at 14
Matheson Street, Hong Kong.
After the two had walked from
the shop toward Happy Valley
accused was said to have asked
the girl to marry him.

She refused, and a quarrel
started. When the two returned to
the shop, the girl drew her wages
and, packing her clothing, pre-
pared to leave the shop. This act
was done on a suggestion by ac-
cused, according to the prosecu-
tion.

As she was about to walk out
Suen hit her on the head and
forearm with a chopper which he
had taken from the kitchen, in-
flicting six lacerations on her
head. Suen then left Pang, and
ran off.

Accused's denial

The girl was taken to the
hospital, and released 10 days
later.

In his own defence, Suen denied
having asked Pang to marry him.
He alleged that, during the walk
she suddenly announced that she
was breaking off with him and
refused to give the reason.

When they returned, he con-
tinued, he decided to commit
suicide when he caught sight of
a chopper in the kitchen at the
girl's house. He changed his mind
when he arrived at the door of the
house to go out. Just then the girl
appeared at the entrance.

Suen said he pleaded once more
with the girl to consider the mat-
ter, but she spurned him again.
On being provoked by her, he
went into a rage and struck her
with the chopper.

Immediately after, he realised
the crime he had committed, and

ran away from the scene. He
eventually went to Canton, but
wrote many letters here revealing
his intention of returning and
giving himself up to the police.

Mr. Williams, when the verdict
was returned yesterday, remarked
that on the facts, no other verdict
could be returned.

Serious offence

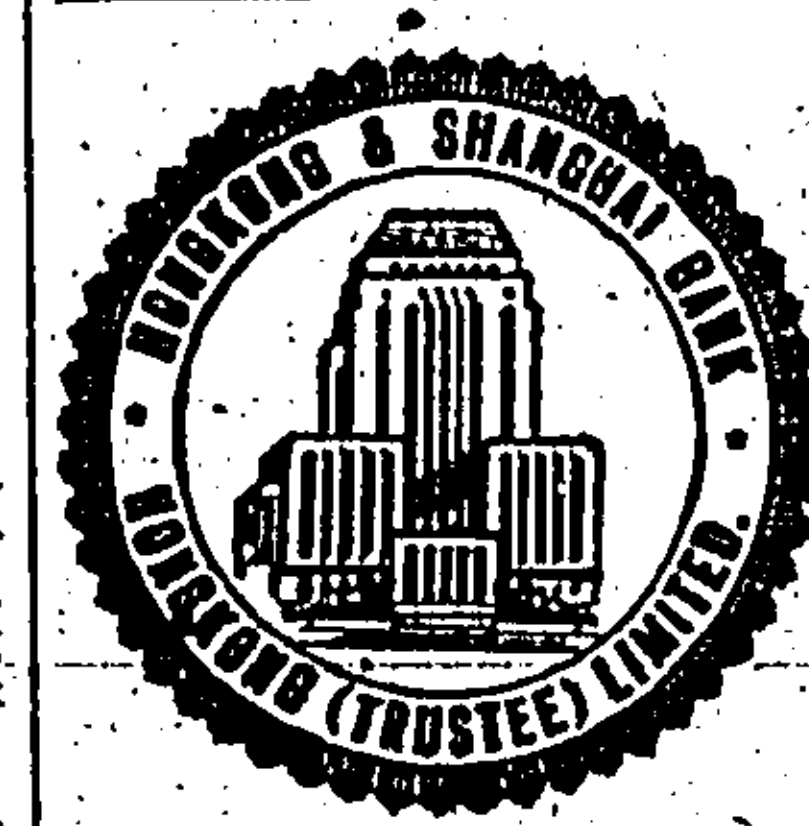
The Senior Puisne Judge went
on to say that this kind of offence
was so serious that the law per-
mits a life sentence. In the ac-
cused's favour, the Court admitted
that Suen had been very annoyed
by the girl's behaviour.

"But this does not justify you
giving vent to your anger and
picking up a chopper to strike
her. You might well have killed
her."

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WORLD-TRAVELLER
to give Address
SUNDAY
March 5

Cantonese
Translation
Came!

Fri. March 10 (Thur. night
on the Hongkong side)
PROTESTANT PURGATORY
—Did Christ descend to
hell to preach to lost souls?

HONGKONG—17, Ventris Rd.
6.30 P.M. Sunday, 7.30 P.M.
Thur.

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"A VERY TOPICAL COMEDY"
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CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



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By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authorities"

ONE KIND OF SQUEEZE
"VIENNA COUP" is the title
applied by veteran cardmen to
some squeeze plays and not to
others. They use the term for
plays which are prepared by first
laying down a high card in some
suit, thereby establishing the
next lower card in the hand of
an opponent, and then squeezing
the poor victim between that set-
up card and a card of some other
suit. It can be done upon occa-
sion with either a single or dou-
ble squeeze.

S Q 8 5
K Q 10
D A Q J 8
C 5 2
S K J 4 2
H 9 8 6 3
D 4
C Q J 10 7
S A K J 5
D K 10
C A K 9 8 4 3
(Dealer: South, North-South
vulnerable)

South West North East
1 C Pass 1 D Pass
2 H Pass 2 S Pass
3 C Pass 3 D Pass
4 NT Pass 5 D Pass

7 NT
Let's admit South took some
kind of chance with that bidding,
even when the Blackwood con-
vention told him North had the
diamond A, but also let's concede
that a clear thinker like this
worthy has a right to take an
occasional chance. Though only
12 tricks appeared after the club
Q lead, he brought his project
home by means of a nice Vienna
Coupe.

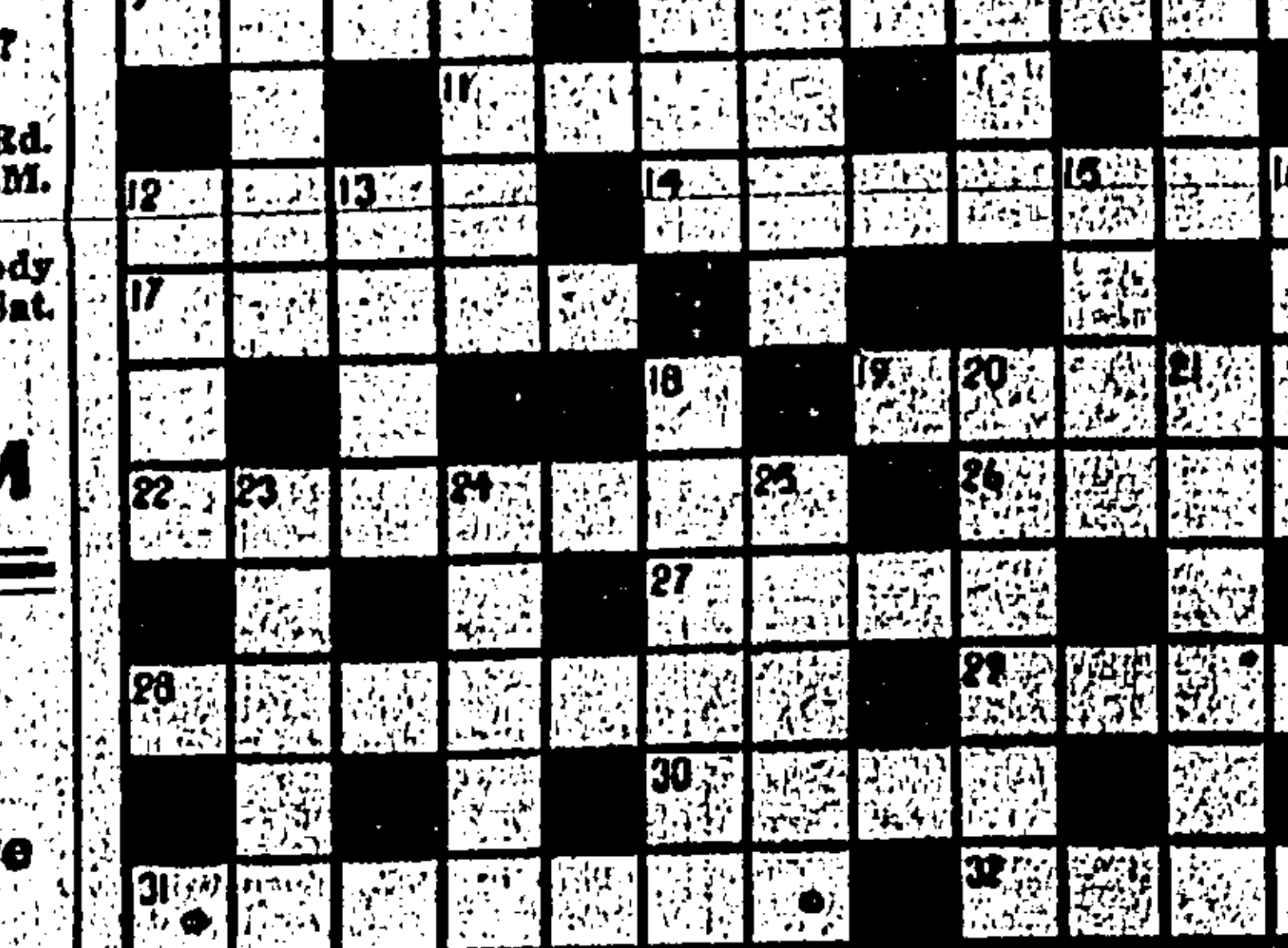
With no ordinary finesse or
suit-establishment play in view,
he decided to build a squeeze for
the thirteenth trick, one which
would work if West happened to
have the spade K in addition to
the club honours. He considered
that quite likely since, if West
did not have that card, a spade
might have been considered the
logical opening lead, on the bids.

To construct the squeeze, South
had to make it a Vienna Coupe
by laying down the spade A and
thus temporarily setting up the
K. This he did after winning the
first trick with the club K. Then
he proceeded with his run of
tricks, four hearts and five dia-
monds. When the last diamond
was led, he retained in dummy
also the spade Q and club 5, and
in his own hand the club A, 9-8.
He discarded the club 6 on the
diamond, and West was stuck.
With the club 4-10 and Spade A,
he didn't dare throw the spade
so chose one of the two clubs.
The club 5 to the A dropped his
other club and built up the 9 for
the final trick.

Tomorrow's Problem
S Q J 4
H 8 7 2
D 9 4
C A K Q J 9
S 8 7 6 3
H A K Q J
D Q 8 6
C 7 5
S A K 10 2
H 5 8
D A 7 5 3
C 6 4 2
(Dealer: South, East-West vul-
nerable)

How could South play for the
incorrect contract of 4-Spades if
West makes repeated heart leads?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1. Ran away. 20. Besides. 21. Linger. 22. Linger.
4. Supports. 26. Besides. 27. Arranged. 28. Linger.
8. True. 27. Hardens. 28. In folds. 29. Linger.
9. Sliver. 27. Principal. 28. In folds. 29. Linger.
10. Rover. 20. In folds. 21. Linger. 22. Linger.
11. Bard. 20. In folds. 21. Linger. 22. Linger.
12. Bard. 20. In folds. 21. Linger. 22. Linger.
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17. Bard. 20. In folds. 21. Linger. 22. Linger.
18. Bard. 20. In folds. 21. Linger. 22. Linger.
19. Bard. 20. In folds. 21. Linger. 22. Linger.

Down
1. Linger. 15. Linger. 16. Linger. 17. Linger.
3. Arranged. 15. Linger. 16. Linger. 17. Linger.
4. Supports. 15. Linger. 16. Linger. 17. Linger.
5. In folds. 15. Linger. 16. Linger. 17. Linger.
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Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 1. Thine. 2. Debar.
3. Focal. 4. Mithra. 5. 10. 11. 12.
13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

Down: 1. Thine. 2. Debar.
3. Focal. 4. Mithra. 5. 10. 11. 12.
13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

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Directed by Henry Hathaway • Produced by Alvin Tarnoff

5 SHOWS TOMORROW
EXTRA PERFORMANCE
AT 11.30 A.M.

LI TSUNG-JEN HAS LUNCH WITH TRUMAN

Washington, March 2.

General Li Tsung-jen today told President Truman, the Defence Secretary, Louis Johnson, and the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, why he has challenged Chiang Kai-shek's right to resume the presidency of Nationalist China.

The 105-minute conversation occurred during a luncheon Mr. Truman gave General Li. The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, interpreted for General Li.

Nobody would reveal later what happened. Mr. Acheson told the United Press that the White House Press Secretary, Charles Ross, would make any announcements. Mr. Johnson said he would defer to the statement-maker, Mr. Acheson.

Informed sources understand that General Li told President Truman his reasons for breaking with General Chiang, and his hope for the emergence of a democratic China under his (Li's) leadership.

Dr. Koo said the luncheon was most cordial, but refused to say anything further.

General Li is to return to New York tonight. He was met on his arrival by Dr. Koo, the State Department Acting Chief of Protocol, Raymond Muir, and about 100 members of the Chinese community here.

General Li said upon his arrival that he had nothing more to say about the Chinese political situation at this time, but might have a statement later.

As Dr. Koo and General Li were driven in their limousine from the station, they were followed by a cavalcade of about 20 cars belonging to Chinese residents and flying the Chinese Nationalist flag.

General Li shook hands personally with each member of the Chinese community awaiting him at the station. He appeared in good spirits and exchanged jokes in Chinese with those who greeted him.

Dr. Kan Chieh-hou, who is General Li's aide, also attended the luncheon.

American officials are steering a careful course to avoid becoming entangled in the quarrel over who is the President of China.

Informed sources said there is no diplomatic significance in the fact that President Truman entertained General Li. The meeting was arranged at General Li's request weeks ago, when General Li was still recognized by General Chiang as Acting President.

Mr. Truman at that time had agreed to grant General Li's request for an interview with himself as well as other senior American officials.

While General Li took advantage of the meeting to express his view on the strength of his personal position in China as contrasted to that of General Chiang, President Truman and American officials made no comment.

While extending hospitality and other courtesies to General Li, Dr. Koo is understood to be thoroughly out of sympathy with General Li in this dispute.

Dr. Koo's position is that General Li's action has weakened the already tottering Chinese position at the United Nations and can do no good. However, in the Oriental tradition, he has extended full Embassy hospitality to General Li as Vice-President of China and thus avoided creating an unpleasant situation.

This afternoon, General Li paid a brief visit to the United States Ambassador to China, Dr. Leighton Stuart, who is ill at a Naval hospital. There was no formal information on what they discussed, but sources close to General Li said it was primarily a personal call to pay respects.

PEASANT REVOLT FLARE-UP

Catanzaro, March 2.

Peasant couriers, riding on mule-back and sometimes running barefooted, tonight raced through the remote hilltop villages of Calabria in Southern Italy, rallying countryfolk for the latest upsurge of the peasant revolt.

Relays of couriers carried the three-word message: "To the Land" from village to village. Within minutes, only the infirm and babies were left behind. Men and women—old and young—children grabbed mattocks and ploughshares and streamed down the hillside on to desolate estates and hunting grounds of land barons and staked their claims to the virgin soil.

Practically the whole of primitive Calabria Province has tonight joined in the latest uprising.

An estimated 100,000 acres of uncultivated land have been picked out between individual families and village co-operatives. In many cases it was the same land from which the peasants, sullen and resentful, had withdrawn last November after mingled threats and promises from Government and landowners had stilled their march.

The peasants, remembering the seven men shot in clashes with the police during the November uprising, vowed tonight that they would not be prised off the land again, either by force or by persuasion.

The police, meanwhile, have made no move to eject them beyond formal requests to evacuate. These were quickly spurned by the peasant leaders.—Reuter.

Bayreuth, March 2.

Martin Sommer, former SS sergeant, a former notorious Communist of Buchenwald and Auschwitz concentration camps, was caught by the German police here today.—Reuter.

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AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

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EXTRA SHOW
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THE SHOCK-DRAMA OF
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Panzer leader offers to raise army

Düsseldorf, March 2.

General Kurt Hasso Von Manteuffel, ex-Nazi Panzer Corps Commander, said today that he had offered to raise 30 divisions for Western Union Defence.

The contingent would consist of an armoured "core" supported by infantry, he told the West German news agency DPA.

Von Manteuffel, who has been linked with the Bruders Schweigen organisation of German ex-Army Generals, was giving details of a Western defence memorandum submitted to the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer.

He pointed out that Western Europe's defence lines must be further East than the Rhine in the interests of French security.—Reuter.

SWISS EXPEL VIETNAMESE

Bern, March 2.

Switzerland today expelled Nguyen Kuan Lai, Communist Vietnam student, who was officially forbidden to enter Switzerland to speak at a Communist rally in Geneva last night.

Lai, who had entered Switzerland from France without a visa, was arrested in Neuchâtel while on his way to Geneva.

The Swiss authorities said today that he had been escorted by the police to the frontier and had been informed that he could never enter Switzerland again.—Reuter.

HARRY LAUDER BURIED

Hamilton, Scotland, March 2.

Sir Harry Lauder was buried today beside his mother in the cemetery at Hamilton.

Humble miners in shabby raincoats rubbed shoulders with Scottish peers and notables in the parish church where the funeral service was held.—United Press.

STAR

17 Hankow Road, Kowloon.

— FINAL SHOWING —

2.30, 5.10, 7.20, & 9.30 p.m.

The West's most Thrilling Adventure! Outlaw Man... Untamed Horse!... And a Woman whose Beckless love won THEM BOTH!

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— TOMORROW —

Charlie Chaplin

"THE GREAT DICTATOR"

with Paulette Goddard

PACIFIC PACT ADVOCACY

Washington, March 2.

Republican Senator William Knowland today urged the formation of a defence pact uniting the United States with Pacific island countries under the authority of the United Nations Charter.

In a speech prepared for Senate delivery, Senator Knowland said the pact should include Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Japan, and Korea.

Senator Knowland said, "An attack upon Pacific island nations would, as in the case of the Atlantic community, be considered an attack against one is an attack against all."

If Korea and South East Asia were excluded from the pact the United States should continue to give them economic aid and supervised military assistance whenever they request it.

He said, "At the same time we should make clear that we are not disinterested in those nations in the event that they are faced with overt invasion. Our position should be that in that event and at that time, we and the nations associated with us will take such action as our national interest and maintenance of international law and order requires."

In no event should the United States write off South East Asia and Korea as lost to the Communists. "Communism is no less destructive to human freedom in Asia than it is in Eastern Europe," he said.—United Press.

MR. MACDONALD DENIES REPORT

Singapore, March 2.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Malaya Commissioner-General, in a statement read on his behalf at Kuala Lumpur today, denied a statement he was alleged to have made to the Foreign Ministers Conference in Ceylon in January that there are between 4,000 and 5,000 armed terrorists in Malaya.

The report is both unauthorised and incorrect, the statement said. "The total number of terrorists in Malaya is about 3,000"—Reuter.

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JAMES CAGNEY Nominated For The Academy Award
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ALHAMBRA (At 12 Noon)

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David Niven in

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THE GRAND ALLIANCE

Warning to Yugoslavia

By Winston Churchill

In Athens he showed lively disquiet and telegraphed to the Foreign Secretary, who had now reached Cairo, as follows:

March 6, '41.

I have just read the Prime Minister's message to you. I need not emphasise to you the effect of our now withdrawing from the agreement actually signed between the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and the Greek Commander-in-Chief and now in process of execution. How can we possibly abandon the King of Greece after the assurances given him by the Commander-in-Chief and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff as to reasonable chances of success? This seems to me quite unthinkable. We shall be pilloried by the Greeks and the world in general as going back on our word.

There is no question of "liberating the Greeks from feeling bound to reject the ultimatum." They have decided to fight Germany alone. It is necessary to consider whether we help or abandon them.

And again to Mr. Eden later in the day:

King of Greece spoke today to Air Attache with deep appreciation of your visit and absolute determination to carry

Chiefs of Staff recorded the various factors developing unfavourably against our Balkan policy, and particularly against sending an army to Greece. They first emphasised the main changes in the situation: the depression of the Greek economy; the Greek Commander-in-Chief's refusal to carry out their undertaking of 12 days earlier to withdraw their troops to the line we should have to hold if Yugoslavia did not come in; the fact that 35 Greek battalions were to have helped us in the move to Greece; instead, this could not now be done till the move was over. This would mean that instead of our being able to concentrate our air forces against the German advance we should now have to conduct "considerable" air operations against Greece in order to protect our lines of communication to Greece. Finally, the Suez Canal was for the moment completely blocked by mines, and was not expected to be cleared until March 11.

The Chiefs of Staff estimated that the Germans could concentrate two divisions on the Attikion line by March 15 and

hopeless battle, and involve their country in probable speedy ruin. If, however, knowing how little we can send at particular dates, they resolve to fight to the death, obviously we must, as I have already said, share their ordeal. It must not be said, and on your showing it cannot be said, that having so little to give, we dragged them in by over-persuasion. I take it, from your attitude and Athens telegrams, that you are sure on this point.

Second point. It happens that most of the troops to be devoted to this solemn duty are the New Zealand Division and after March the Australians. We must be able to tell the New Zealand and Australian Governments faithfully that this hazard, from which they will not shrink, is undertaken, not because of any commitment entered into by a British Cabinet Minister at Athens and signed by the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, but because Sir Wavell and other Commanders-in-Chief are convinced that there is a reasonable fighting chance. This I regard as implied by your positive reactions to our questioning telegrams.

Indispensable

5. Please remember in your stresses that, so far, you have given us few facts or reasons for the authority which can be presented to these Dominions as justifying the operation on any grounds, but noblesse oblige. A precise, military appreciation is indispensable.

6. You know how our hearts are with you and your great officers.

On the 7th the promised fuller statement of the case reached us in London.

Mr. Eden to Prime Minister.

March 7, '41.

Following are the views of your envoys:

1. Whole position again fully reviewed with the Commanders-in-Chief and Smuts. While we are all conscious of the gravity of the decision, we can find no reason to vary our previous judgment.

2. There has been no question of urging Greece against her better judgment. At our first meeting at Tatoi Greek the outset of the proceedings written statement announcing Greece's determination to resist an attack by Italy or Germany, if necessary alone. The Greek Government have consistently maintained this attitude, with varying degrees of confidence as to the outcome. The Greeks appreciate that there is no honourable peace open to them with Italy and Germany menacing their frontiers. The Greeks can only share the fate of Rumania, or continue the struggle whatever the odds.

3. We have already undertaken commitments towards Greece. Eight squadrons of the RAF ground defences and anti-aircraft personnel, have been operating there for months past.

4. Collapse of Greece without further effort on our part to save her by intervention on land, after the heavy losses had been suffered, would be the greatest calamity. Yugoslavia would then certainly be lost; nor can we feel confident that even Turkey would have the strength to remain steadfast if the Germans and Italians were established in Greece.



No strings attached. In a democratic state, puppets are confined to the stage, but in satellite countries they can walk around in the streets.

A writer describes Britain's welfare state as a truly great institution. Only trouble is, I'm not ready for an institution yet.

A local report quotes the London "Daily Telegraph." This is a Graphic illustration of the Times. When trying to Chronicle the News of the World, frequently Express, Lancashire, possibly because their Standard is too Low. Such faults, Mirror a lack of punch and are illustrated by a need for a New Statesman. As a Spectator, I would say this may Herald the day when the overseas Worker will be welcomed by John Bull, even if the scheme is for Men Only.

Li Tsung-jen denounces the Admirals' state as a dictator and usurper. This is rather like the pot calling the cork a black.

All this talk of the Red purchases in Hong Kong is very tiring for those of us who cannot make up a rubber.

Jumping Jupiter

Local Communists are holding the threat of reputation over the heads of our workers, says a contemporary "as a sort of Democritean sword."

A Venetian demiller, as you might say.

In view of the stalemate following the election, might it not be better for the British government to turn its energies towards nationalising the Labour Party?

Myrtle says not every woman is as young as she makes up.

A hunter has sold some baby crocodiles to a Sydney animal store. Surely one of these would be a pet aversion?

Come? That Strachey (in the pink) has been appointed to the security investigation in Britain. Lord Beaverbrook wonders who is going to purge the purgers themselves.

"So you've got a sitting-down job. That's where I shine too."

If you axe me, opportunities for further chatter attacks should be cut off quickly, before they begin kindling an epidemic.

Deep-thinking friend of mine asserts that countries that have the Russian bear for neighbour are always afraid something new is a-bruin.

without effort on our part to resist them. No doubt our prestige will suffer if we are ignominiously elected, but in any event to have fought and suffered in Greece would be a damaging thing to have left Greece to her fate.

In the existing situation we are all agreed that the course advocated should be followed and help given to Greece.

(To be continued)

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DEATH

LANDAU—Mrs. Amelia Pauline, at her residence, 20 Hankow Road, Kowloon, on Friday, March 3. Funeral will take place at the Jewish Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 5.

WAR AND PROGRESS IN MALAYA

The mobilisation of the civilian population in Malaya for an "anti-bandit month" may have seemed at first, to the disillusioned sceptic, to be little more than a despairing stunt. It has turned out to be a demonstration of popular support without precedent in Malaya's history, for some 365,000 people have volunteered—an amazingly high percentage of the entire male population. This alone is an achievement which tears to pieces the Communist fiction about a national liberation movement. The jungle war in Malaya is in fact an attempt by a small, armed and fanatical band of desperadoes to impose their will on all communities, and not least upon the Chinese, whose acknowledged leaders in community and trade union life cordially support the civil mobilisation. The enrolment has been described by the Secretary for Defence of Malaya as the greatest united effort the Federation has ever seen.

The task of the volunteers is to take over all the routine administrative work of the security forces and to free them for the jungle campaign; to isolate the bandits from the fifth column which has been working for them and supplying them; to take over the work of re-settlement of the squatters; and to institute patrols along both coasts to prevent smuggling of supplies and other material into the jungle areas. The campaign has already begun. Road blocks have been set up and all trucks and lorries on the roads are being checked, especially those carrying food-stuffs. At the same time the security forces have moved into position.

Soon after the call was sent out by the Government, the Communists perpetrated one of the worst of their long catalogue of criminal violence. They attacked and destroyed by fire the entire village of Simpang Tiga in revenge for the refusal of the people to give them money and food. This outrage gave a great impetus to recruitment, especially among the Malays, who have come to realise more than ever the menace the bandits represent to all they hold dear. They now form an overwhelming proportion of the volunteers. Many of those who have been recruited are going to the kampongs and explaining to the villagers the simple choice before them of freedom or Communist domination. Events in China have no doubt given a great fillip to the falling morale of the jungle groups. But this popular response more than counteracts this, and adds a warning of its own as to the potential ultimate outcome of this struggle if it goes on very much longer.

Frailing the organisation of the "anti-bandit month" in Malaya, the "New York

On March 1, 1941, the German Army began to move into Bulgaria and the Bulgarian Army mobilised and took up positions along the Greek frontier. Mr. Eden and General Dill returned to Athens from Ankara to find a very different atmosphere. Despite the discouraging developments mentioned below, their military advisers still did not consider it "by any means a hopeless proposition to check and hold the German advance on the Attikion line in Macedonia."

A marked change now came over our views in London. The "Times" says it is a sounder idea even than the importation of more Spitfires and more troops, and it points out that the very recruiting of so great a number of volunteers is not only proof of the popular will but a recognition of the fact that this banditry represents an attack on the general welfare not on one form of Government or another.

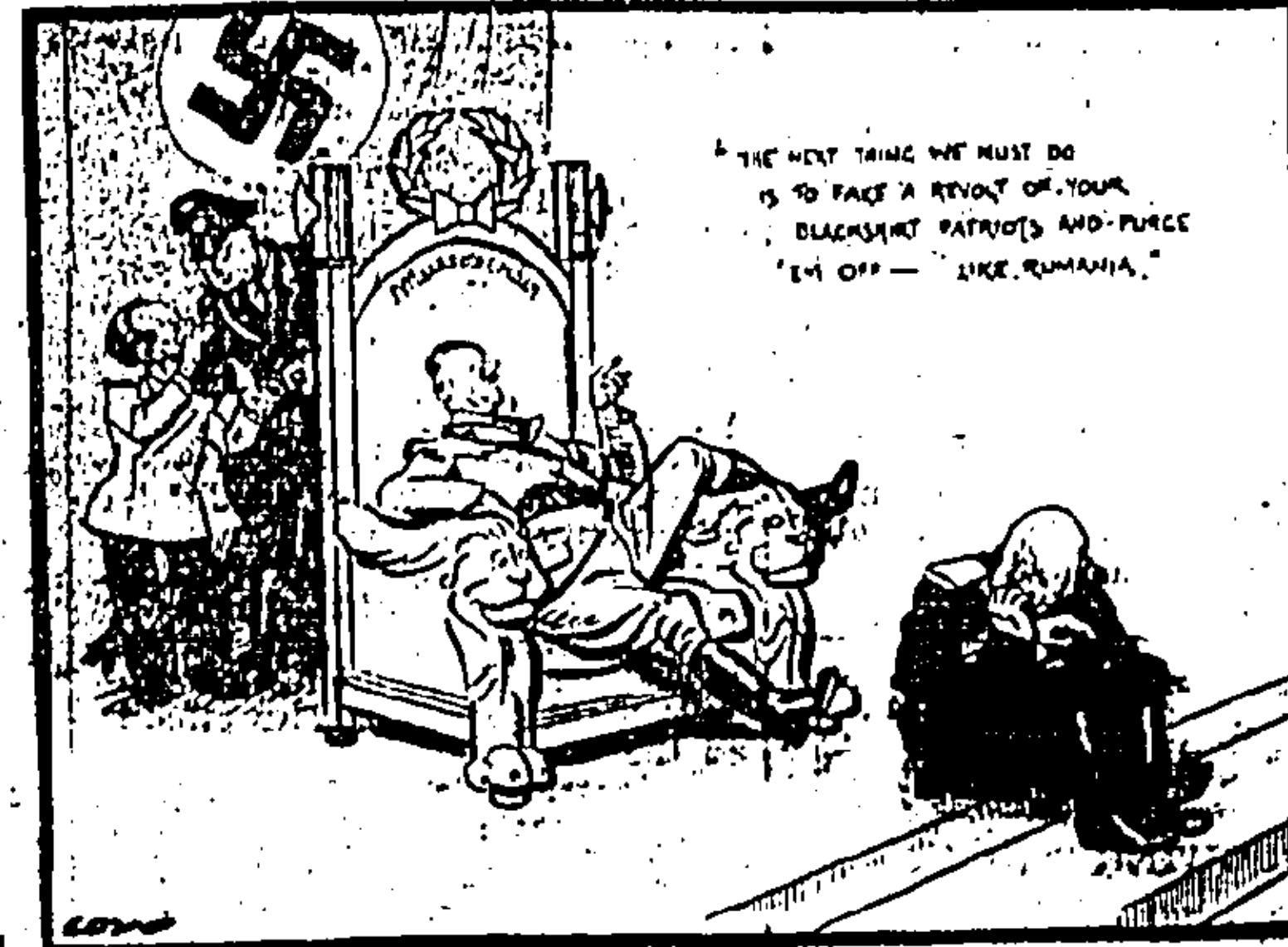
While this costly campaign is being waged, reforms are proceeding apace. Elected municipalities are to be formed in the larger centres, based on studies of the machinery in Britain and Ceylon. The ambitious and comprehensive education programme—hampered in Malaya by the costs of the jungle war—is going ahead fast in Singapore, where the ten-year plan calls for compulsory education. In the present budget it is given highest priority, and new schools to accommodate 90,000 children are to be built in the first half of the programme, the total cost of which is \$220 million. The first 18 of these schools will be ready within six months and will accommodate another 18,000 children. Singapore is justly proud of its Social Welfare Department. It is the most advanced organisation of its kind in South-East Asia, and though it has a big plan of expansion laid down, the Colony is already spending nearly three times as much on the social welfare services as it is on the police force. In addition, the Government is making available to the Singapore Improvement Trust for housing schemes nearly \$216,500,000—twice the amount expended on the police. This is over and above the initial allocation of \$33,000,000 by the Colonial Development Corporation, which may prove inadequate, as the building society sponsored by the Corporation has been inundated with inquiries for advances. These are repayable in equal monthly instalments over a period of up to 15 years. In many cases the instalments will be less than the interest paid for equivalent accommodation.

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We are bound to lay before the Dominions Governments your and Chiefs of Staff's recommendation. Cannot forget their assent to operation. We do not see any reasons for expecting success, except that of course we attach great weight to opinions of Dill and Wavell. We must liberate Greeks from feeling bound to reject a German ultimatum. If on their own they resolve to fight, we must to some extent share their ordeal. It is probable that our advice will probably prevent any appreciable British Imperial forces from being engaged. Loss of Greece and Balkans by no means a major catastrophe for us, provided Turkey remains neutral.

Lively distress.



three more by the 22nd. One of these would be armoured. Assuming that the Greeks could only delay them in front of this for a short time, the best we could hope for would be to have one armoured and one New Zealand brigade against the first two German divisions.

"The hazards of the enterprise," they concluded, "have been so great that they could not, however, feel that they could question the military advice of those on the spot, who described the position as not by any means hopeless."

Message to Eden

After reflecting alone at Chequers on the Sunday night upon the Chiefs of Staff paper and the trend of discussion in the War Cabinet that morning, I sent the following message to Mr. Eden, who had now returned to Athens for his visit. This certainly struck a different note on my part. But I take full responsibility for the eventual decision, because I am sure I could have stopped it all if I had been convinced. It is so much easier to stop than to do.

Prime Minister to Mr. Eden, Cairo.

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out agreed plan of action against German attack. He has every confidence in the chances for success, and is satisfied that this confidence is shared by General Papagos and his Government. He emphasised the great importance of speed and particularly of adequate air forces. He ordered break-up of the German air attack, which is their customary opening, offensive. Initial German defeat in the air would, more than anything else, do away with the myth of German invincibility, and give the whole country the same confidence which he has in prospects for success. And still later.

General Wilson has had a most satisfactory talk with General Papagos this morning. He is greatly encouraged by the marked improvement in the latter's attitude. He found him most helpful and anxious to co-operate in every possible way.

Prime Minister to Mr. Eden, Cairo.

March 6, '41.

War Cabinet are taking no decision until we receive your reply.

Mr. Eden to Prime Minister, Cairo.

Reply awaited

Chief of Imperial General Staff and I in consultation with the three Commanders-in-Chief, have this afternoon re-examined the questions. We are unanimously agreed that, despite the heavy commitments and grave risks which are undoubtedly involved, especially in view of our limited naval and air resources, the right decision was taken in Athens. Paltalot's telegrams to Cairo show the position from Greek angle.

This is merely to indicate, to you, how our minds are working, while we await Cabinet decision.

Prime Minister to Mr. Eden, Cairo.

March 7, '41.

1. I will bring your measures and deliberate reply before the Cabinet today. Meanwhile all preparations and movements should go forward at utmost speed.

2. I am deeply impressed with steadfast attitude maintained by you and your military advisers, Dill, Wavell, and I presume Wilson, on the broad merits, after full knowledge of local and technical situation and in view of the enormous losses the G.O.C. Commanders-in-Chief are dominating. Two points are dominant. First, we must not take any responsibility for the Greek attack against their better judgment. Second, we must not take any responsibility for the Greek attack against their better judgment.



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TROUBLE INCREASING IN COMMUNIST CHINA

Situation reported to be deteriorating FRICTION IN THE ARMY

Taipei, March 2. A high official of a non-Chinese firm which still has representatives in many cities on the mainland of China, told the United Press today that private reports indicate steadily increasing trouble for the Communists in the big cities, small towns, and the countryside.

Hungry people pillage shops in Kiangsu, Kwangsi, and Hunan; the remnants of Nationalist troops left behind are being organised into effective guerilla operations; high taxes have forced thousands of shops in the bigger cities to close, he said.

Serious friction is developing between Northern and Southern military commanders, he added.

The number of Soviet technicians at present in China is mounting into thousands. At Hankow alone, he said, reports indicated that at least 5,000 technicians are in charge of electric buildings, telephone repairs, and railway construction.

UMW UNION FOUND NOT GUILTY

Washington, March 2. The United Mine Workers' Union was today found "Not Guilty" of contempt of court in the 25-day-old United States soft coal strike.

The action was brought by the Federal Government for alleged violation of the Taft-Hartley Labor Act in refusing a court order to return to work pending negotiations.

A verdict of "Not Guilty" on both civil and criminal contempt charges against the Union was returned by the Federal Judge, Mr. Richmond B. Keach, who heard the case without a jury.

Mr. Keach said that he had considered the Government's petition and found on the record that charges of contempt of its order on February 11 to the miners to return to the pits were not supported.

The Union had contended that it was in no way responsible for the refusal of the miners to work. Its defence was that the 372,000 coal diggers had each stopped work by individual decision, not by the direction of the Union, and that officers of the Union had done all they could to end the strike.

President Truman told newsmen in Washington today that draft plans for seizing the coal mines had been drawn up, but he did not indicate when or in what circumstances they might be used.

The United States' Attorney General, Mr. J. Howard McGrath, said that the Government will appeal against Mr. Keach's decision.

The Judge's decision was a surprise to the crowded courtroom, because the Union in two previous strike cases had been held guilty and compelled to pay fines totalling \$2,130,000. Government officials, increasingly concerned over the spreading economic effects of the coal production stoppage, had placed high hopes on the contempt case as a means of getting the miners back to work.

These funds are the unused China aid money voted by Congress last year. Congress has given the President authority to spend the money in the China area.

GERMAN ATOM BAN

Bonn, March 2.

The Western Allies today issued a law effective March 15 banning production or possession by Germans of radioactive materials, including atomic weapons.

The new law prohibits German activities in the field of atomic energy.

But a strictly limited amount of research for medical and educational purposes is to be permitted.

Further authorizations would be refused where the proposed activities would constitute a danger to the security of Allied forces or would help recruitment of Germany.

Maximum penalties for violation of the law are life imprisonment and a fine of 1,000,000 Deutschmarks.

Among prohibited items are heavy water, fissionable materials and radiation detection instruments.

Associated Press, March 2, 1950.

Griffiths' message to Colonies

London, March 2. Mr. James Griffiths, who replaced Mr. Arthur Creech Jones as Secretary of State for the Colonies in the new Cabinet, today sent a message to all Colonial Governors on taking up his appointment.

Mr. Griffiths said, "The King has today entrusted me with charge of the Colonial Office. I have received this trust with a sense of the heavy responsibilities which it involves. I am a newcomer to your affairs though I have watched with the keenest interest the work which has been going forward under my predecessor whose devotion to and knowledge of the Colonies is well known to you all. I look forward with enthusiasm to carrying on this great work in co-operation with the Colonial Service."—Reuter.

EMERGENCY PLANS IN U.S. READY

Washington, March 2.

Emergency plans are ready now for putting the United States on a wartime basis, including civilian defence against possible atomic bombing, Senators learned at a secret session today.

Senator Millard Tydings (Democrat, Maryland), Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told reporters that assurances to this effect were given to the Committee by the chief civilian planning agency, the National Security Resources Board.

The Presidential Assistant, Mr. John R. Steelman, who also serves as the acting Chairman of the Board, presented a summary of defence and emergency mobilization plans at a closed-door Committee session this morning.

Mr. Steelman was accompanied by Board members who have been drafting plans for industrial mobilization, manpower controls and civilian defences for use in any emergency, including sudden war.

Senator Tydings said that the Senate group is pleased with what it had learned at the conference but asked the defence leaders to re-survey their plan to see if any stand-by legislation should be enacted at this session of Congress.

A report on this was asked for by April 1.

Asked if the unannounced session indicates a possible threat of an immediate emergency, Senator Tydings said: "No."

"This is just insurance that the Government should take out to meet possible conditions," he told the reporters. "Just like the average citizen takes out fire insurance."—Reuter.

Russia tries to lower prices

London, March 2.

Official British quarters today described the revaluation of the Soviet rouble as a move towards correction of Russia's extremely high prices.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that, in terms of earning power of workers, prices in the Soviet Union are among the highest in the world. The following instances were quoted:

The price of a shirt in Soviet Russia on March 1 was 80 roubles or the equivalent of £7 at the revised rate. A man's suit cost up to 1,300 roubles or £115 sterling. One kilogram of butter in Soviet shops yesterday was priced at 30 roubles or £2-15-6.

The spokesman said wages for unskilled workers in Russia start at 250 roubles per month or the equivalent of £22-10.—United Press.

FUCHS CASE STOPS ATOMIC DISCUSSIONS

London, March 2.

Discussions between Britain, the United States and Canada on the exchange of atomic research secrets have been suspended indefinitely. This follows the sentencing of Klaus Fuchs for disclosing atom secrets to Russia, it was learned from a usually reliable source here today.

Despite earlier official denials from London, Washington and Ottawa, diplomatic quarters here think it is certain that all three countries will have to overhaul their security services before any further useful discussions can be held.

The activities of Klaus Fuchs, who admitted passing vital information to Russia on four occasions since 1942, appear to have shaken public confidence in existing security arrangements.

Officials here still deny that the atom talks in Washington—conducted by a committee composed of the British and Canadian Ambassadors, Sir Oliver Franks and Mr. Hume Wrong, and the American Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson—have broken down.

They hint that the committee, which has not met for several weeks, may sit again one day, though no further meetings have been planned.

But, for the moment, and until the dust of the Fuchs case settles, there seems to be no doubt that its work has been halted.

Purge of M.I. 5

Lord Beaverbrook's "Evening Standard" tonight said that the new War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, whom it described as an avowed Communist—would be one of the Ministers called on to carry out a purge of M.I. 5, Britain's Secret Service, following the Fuchs trial.

The paper declared, "It became known today that the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, has given direct orders for a full examination of the Service."

M.I. 5 is a department of the War Office directly under the War Minister, Mr. Strachey, appointed to the post only 24 hours ago.

The "Evening Standard" said of the new War Minister, "He remains an avowed Communist—he has never publicly retracted his belief in Communism."

Mr. Strachey is thus involved in the biggest crisis of his career," it declared.

"There will undoubtedly emerge now strong pressure for his dismissal from the War Office," the "Evening Standard" added.

"He was in fact appointed War Minister while Fuchs (Dr. Klaus Fuchs, sentenced to 14 years' gaol here yesterday for betraying atom secrets to Russia) was on remand and already committed for trial."

Attlee's reply

A Labour Government statement attacking the "Standard" was issued at No. 10, Downing Street, Mr. Attlee's official residence.

"The 'Evening Standard' of March 2 contains, under what can only be described as disgraceful headlines, a statement about Mr. Strachey, who has just been appointed Secretary of State for War," said the Downing Street statement.

"The statement said of the 'Standard's' charge that Mr. Strachey remains an avowed Communist: 'These statements are not true.'"

Downing Street said Mr. Strachey never was a member of the Communist Party, that as long ago as 1940 he made it clear he was in fundamental disagreement with Communism, that as a member of the Labour Party he had, in the fullest sense, been publicly identified with the Party's attitude of opposition to the Communist Party and its doctrines.

Mr. Strachey's record as a Royal Air Force staff officer in World War II was also cited.—Reuter and United Press.

Manila's new visa measures

Manila, March 3.

The Philippines clamped down on renewals of temporary visas and transit permits as the Chief Commissioner of Immigration, Jose P. Bengzon, estimated that 50,000 persons, mostly Chinese, have overstayed their time in the island.

Mr. Bengzon wants the help of the National Bureau of Investigation in tracking down the whereabouts of the aliens, some of whom have been in the Philippines since 1947 on temporary permits.

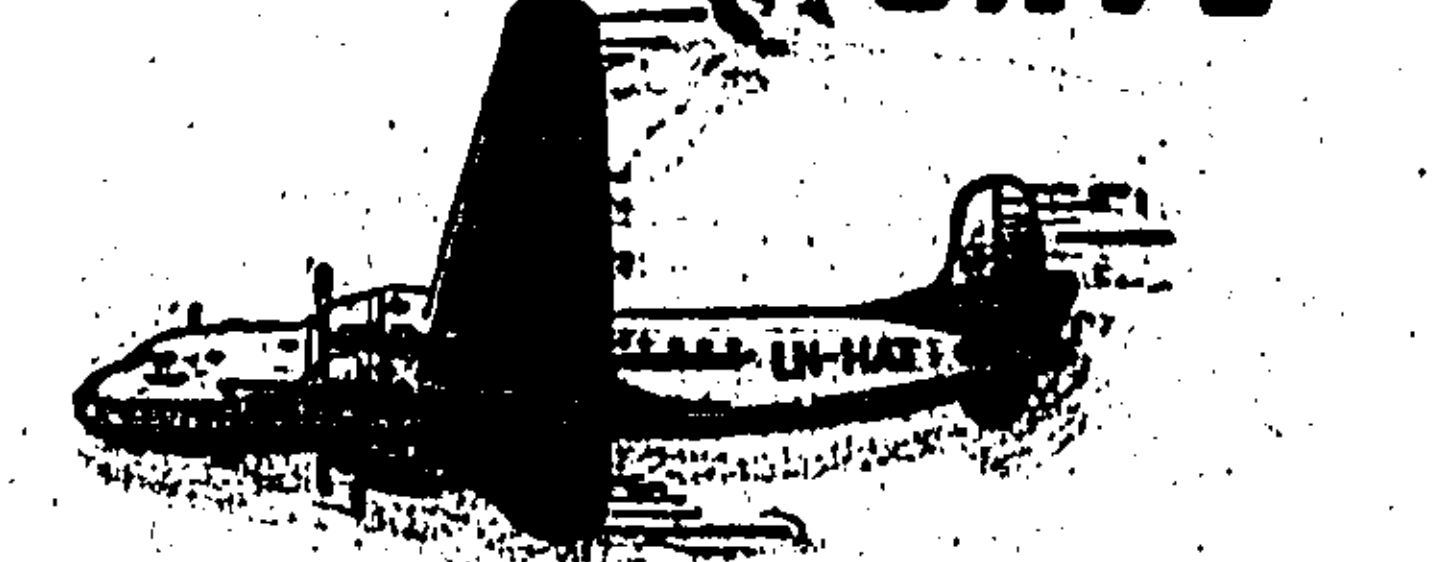
The Deportation Board has already started proceedings toward expelling approximately 600 aliens who have been convicted of violations of Philippines laws, most of them Chinese charged with black-marketing. Hearings for 26 Chinese and an Indian national were started a few days ago but were postponed pending a further check-up on their status.

Mr. Bengzon said at least 100 Chinese applied yesterday for renewals of their temporary visas, claiming they were awaiting transportation to Bangkok after coming here from Hong Kong.

Mr. Bengzon characterised the applications as absurd. He said there is no shipping line between Manila and Bangkok which does not touch at Hong Kong enroute.

Recently Philippines military and internal security officers have expressed dissatisfaction with the large numbers of aliens in this country illegally. The security officers claim that many of the illegal Chinese residents are potential Communist agents.—Associated Press.

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Aid plan for Asia in three months?

Washington, March 2.

The State Department hinted to Congress today that it may come up with an aid programme for South East Asia within the next three months.

The Department filed a statement on foreign aid with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It said that \$100,000,000 is available for new foreign programmes.

"The Department is now considering developments in various parts of the world and may determine that it would be in the U.S. interest in some situations to provide aid which is anticipated could be covered out of the residual sum of \$100,000,000," the statement said.

These funds are the unused China aid money voted by Congress last year. Congress has given the President authority to spend the money in the China area.

Before June 30, the Department said, the executive branch will recommend possible disposition of such unexpended funds.

It reported that foreign aid programmes for the coming year will total about \$4,000,000,000.

"In view of the present international situation," the Department added, "unforeseen developments might compel new approaches to Congress beyond the programmes now envisaged."

This statement raised the possibility that the State Department may have in mind new foreign aid programmes beyond the \$100,000,000 earmarked for use in Asia.—Associated Press.

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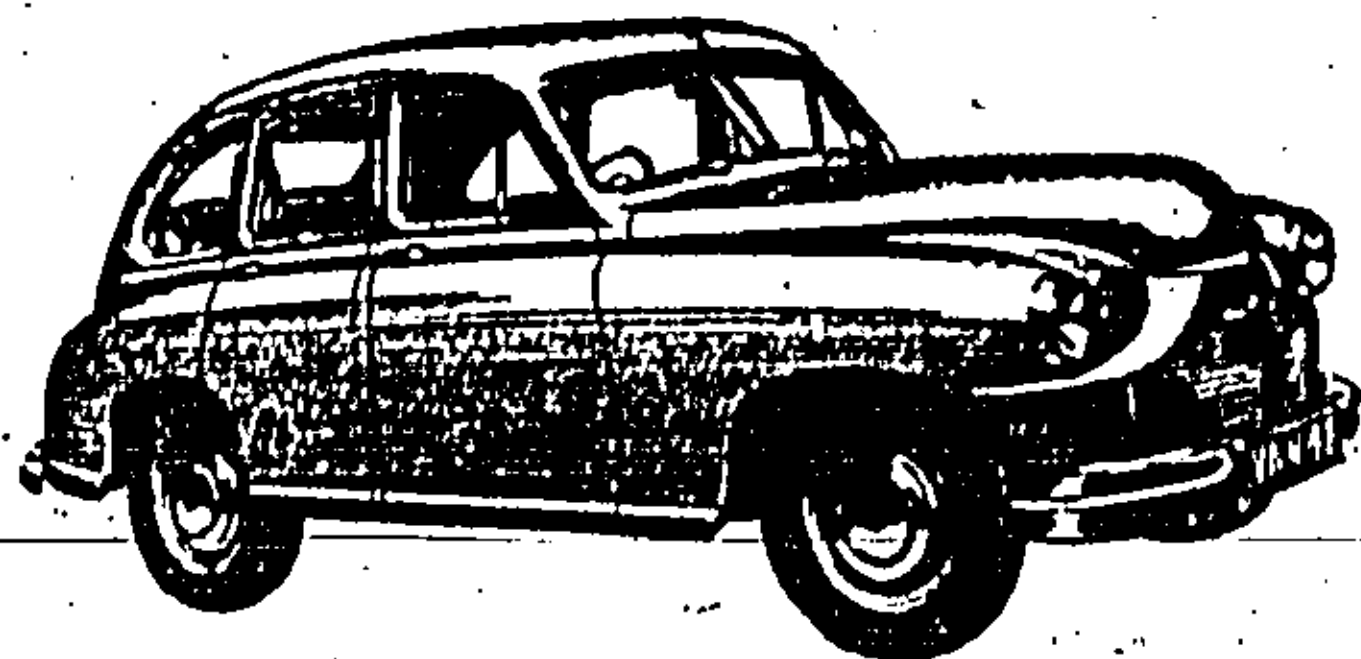
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MOTURING NEWS AND VIEWS

UK report:

A year of hopes disappointed

Not even the desire to be encouraging can permit the truthful summariser of the past year to say that 1949 was a good motoring year for Britain unless, that is, he recalls the beneficent sun of summer that made his scanty miles enjoyable.

Year after year since the war British motorists have looked forward to more petrol—their greatest need—and more cars, their second greatest. Neither has materialised in any considerable quantity.

And now it would be false optimism to imagine that either cars or petrol will be plentiful in this year. Only motorists who went abroad—a record number over twice as many as last year—were able to get as much petrol as they wanted.

One thing, a change of economic policy, might alter these forebodings, and as 1950 is election year this may materialise, even if the Government does not change.

Dirigisme, after four years, has shown no signs of real success, and it is possible that a slackening off of the strings that tie the economy of the country may next be tried. The picture might then be brighter.

Last year opened with new regulations concerned with the mounting height of auxiliary front lamps and based on dazle statistics revealing that the "pass lamp" was a bad dazzler, as set and adjusted by the average motorist.

Their centres were to be not less than 2ft above the ground unless they were used solely in fog or snow. So far there has been little sign that the regulation is being enforced. Additional regulations for pedestrian crossing usage were foreshadowed several times during the year, but up to now they have not materialised.

In March motorists learned that for the summer months only their standard ration was to be doubled. This was at a time when the world petrol demand and supply situation had crystallised to such an extent that it could be seen that world oil shortage was over. Indeed, the American petroleum industry was hard put to it to find places to store petrol.

Surplus remains
Something of that surplus has remained throughout the year, but Britain's dollar difficulties have successfully screwed the tap up tight against British motorists, and the latest words of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on dollar problems—he said that one big way in which it was hoped to save dollars in the sterling area was through oil economies—have caused a gloomy atmosphere to prevail again.

One home aid to exports instituted during the year was the Lindsey proving ground, which was opened for trial and test purposes on April 28.

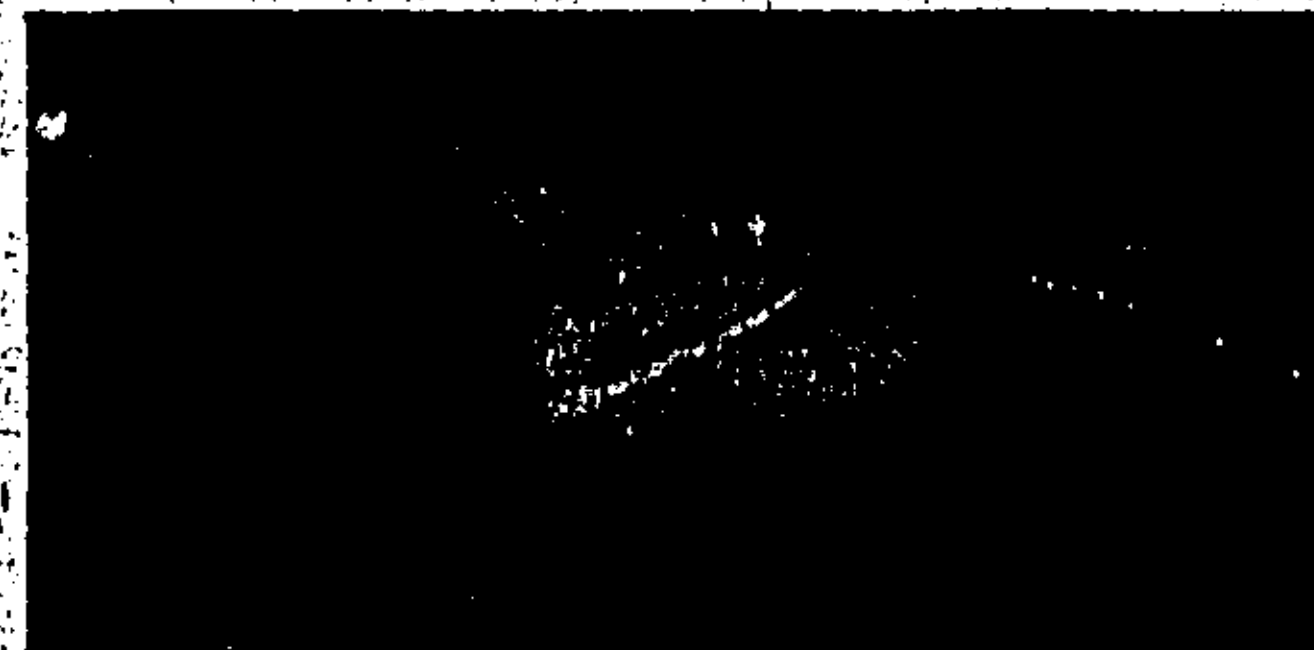
This ground, near Nuneaton, enables manufacturers to test their products under conditions closely approximating to those found overseas, and they share a battery of testing instruments which have not previously been so conveniently assembled.

Outstanding new models of the year were undoubtedly the Rover 75 and the Triumph Mayflower. The Rover was largely redesigned, and the Triumph was a "real" new model.

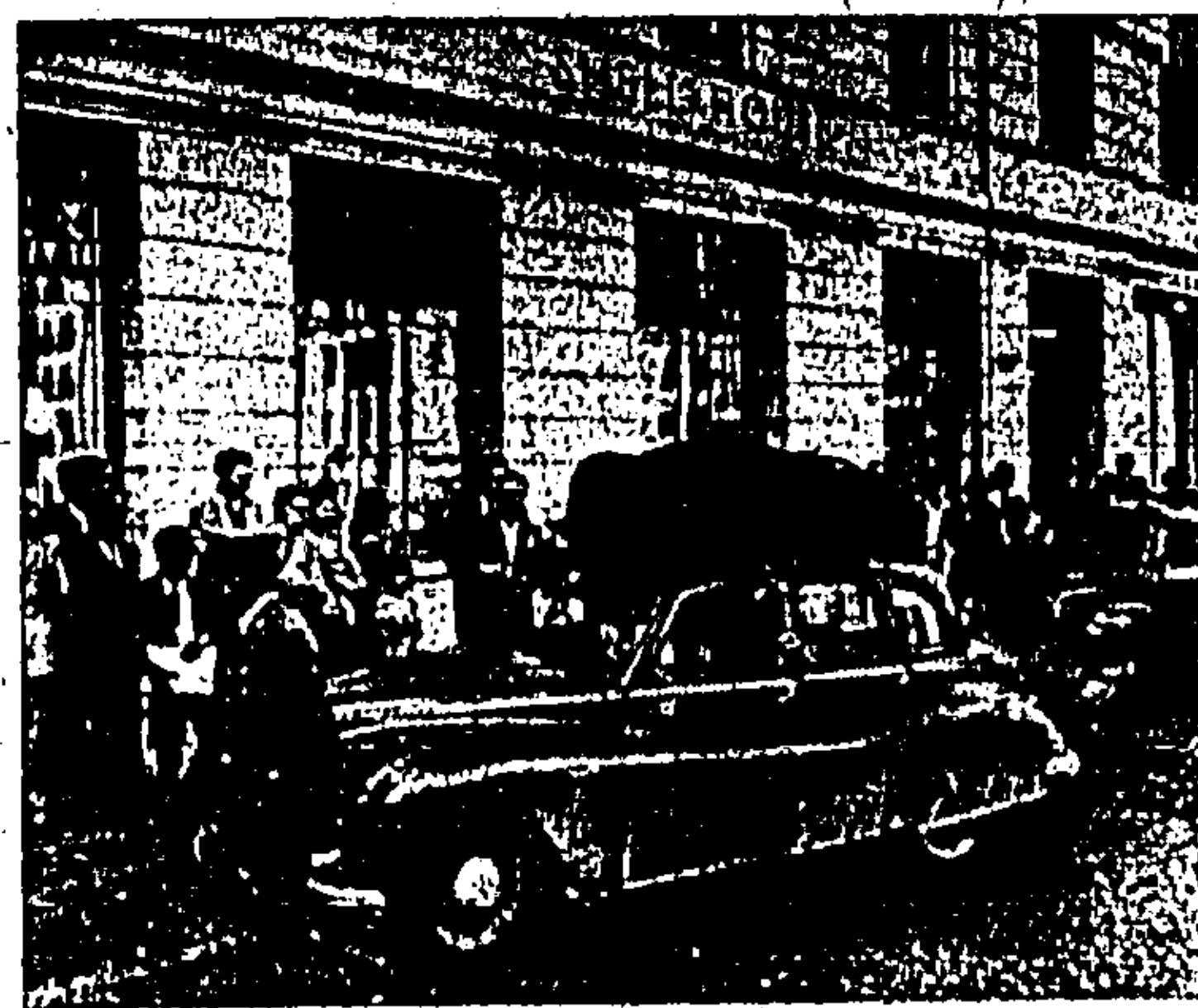
"Tick-over" year
For most of the other manufacturers this was a "tick-over" year in design, with modifications to improve existing models, newly introduced for 1949, plus an occasional new body style, as the only alterations to production. Other new models were, however, the Healey Silverstone, an Allard competition model with a bigger engine, and the Jensen

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Britain exports road safety



Probably the greatest single contribution to road safety in the past 50 years has been the invention of the "cat's eye" reflecting roadstud. More than 9,000,000 of these studs have been laid over 17,000 miles of roads in the United Kingdom. In addition to several hundreds of thousands on Continental roads, the "cat's eye" roadstud consists of two highly-reflecting lenses, housed in a resilient pad which is slipped into a slot in the road surface. The road surface at intervals varying from 10 to 15 yards. There are several roads in the colony equipped with



Messrs. Ralph Sleight and Peter Jopling, in a British 2-litre Austin A70 saloon established a new record for the England-Cape Town car route with a time of 24 days, 2 hours and 55 minutes (subject to confirmation). They left Dover on the 10,300-mile route on November 20, 1949, proceeding via Boulogne to Marseilles, across to Algiers. From there, after being fuelled to capacity by Shell, they traversed the 2,500 miles to Kano (Nigeria) with the aid of the chain of fully-equipped Shell refuelling posts which extend throughout this section. The normal stocks in underground tanks were used across the Sahara desert. Picture shows interesting South Africans watching the arrival of the Austin saloon at Shell House, Cape Town on December 14, last year.

British car captures England to Cape Town distance record

One of the most remarkable long-distance journeys in the history of motoring ended triumphantly on December 14, 1949, when two Englishmen, R.H. Sleight and P. Jopling, drove their Austin saloon up to Shell House, Cape Town.

This was the final check-point in an officially timed record drive from Dover, England, which they had left 24 days 2 hours 55 minutes previously (a time which is subject to confirmation).

The Austin was the A 70, or "Humphshire" saloon, of 2-litre capacity, and was quite standard apart from extra fuel tanks on the roof and at the rear, and a slooper-type seat to enable the co-driver to obtain rest.

The route was over 10,300 miles, but so trouble-free was the run that in the later stages the Austin was able to exceed comfortably the planned schedule, and averaged 450 miles per day.

The drivers were the first to acknowledge the expert assistance of Shell throughout their drive. At Algiers, for example, the Shell representatives not only fuelled the first section of the 2,500 miles across the Sahara to Kano (Nigeria), but they obtained clearance for the drivers' papers to such good effect that the car was on its way within three hours of disembarkation, as compared with the normal 24 hours.

Normal fuel stocks were drawn on throughout and complete oil changes were carried out at Kano and again at Nairobi, after a further 3,500 miles.

Looking back

Looking back to the years immediately following the First World War, the pioneers of motoring across the Sahara, the world's greatest desert, had either to take their fuel with them or to arrange for supplies to be laid down at suitable intervals. In either case, this was a costly and cumbersome business.

The Shell Sahara Service, however, undertook a programme of installing permanent filling posts ("postes de ravitaillement") along three main routes, and the first Shell Sahara expedition, under Mr. Harold, left Algiers in February 1929 to effect.

Pumps and underground fuel tanks were installed, more than 100 tons of material being transported to the heart of the desert, and within five years the system was in full operation with posts at 400-500km intervals.

Tanks repaired

During the World War, the system naturally fell into abeyance but, when peace returned, the transport companies were across the Sahara, and in December 1948 Shell sent out a mobile workshop, again under Mr. Harold. On this expedition 6,000 miles were covered and 31 refuelling stations were inspected.

dilemma in which the Government finds itself, and upon which it has no useful suggestion to offer.

But it is a dilemma that will have to be faced sooner or later, for it cannot be hoped that overseas sales will continue for ever at the present levels which have pertained up to now. On the other hand, the manufacturers are making a magnificent effort to that end, and the brightest prospect is that the British car will be able to meet the demand for a new type of car.

THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN NEW YORK CITY

By John Jarrett

I have travelled by the Glasgow subway from St. George's Cross to Parkhead on a Saturday when Rangers were visiting Celtic; I have been in the last train from Newcastle to Wallsend on the August Bank Holiday night after the fair.

I have clung to the outside of a dock tram in Colombo's rush-hour, to the inside of a Lancastrian caught in a storm off the Cocos Islands, and all over an LCT wallowing in a China Sea monsoon.

But I have never been so consistently scared and uncomfortable as I have been in almost any form of New York transport you like to name.

If you draw a rectangle, and inside insert 14 lines up and down its length, one hundred across its breadth, all at right angles there you have the street plan of central Manhattan.

In all of that space there is only one cross-road, one irregular diagonal, the famous Broadway. Because of this, getting from any one point to another on a diagonal, except in Broadway, will in the lunch hour take you at least twice as long as in any other city I know.

The blocks are on an average 100 yards long. There are traffic lights at least every two blocks. At the end of every other block there is a bus stop.

The transport system, to save paying a conductor, has also decreed that the driver must collect your fare as you enter.

Resultant picture

The resultant picture is as follows:-

The lights are red. A bus stops. Immediately a stream of traffic behind it holds too tightly packed for backing is also immobilised.

As soon as the bus stops, the lights change to green. The bus edges forward a few inches, and comes to the bus stop under the lights, and takes on passengers. If there are more than half a dozen, a collecting car takes just long enough for the lights to turn red again (remember, the driver has to answer queries, give change, issue tickets, chivy the passengers along—there is no limit on numbers—and try to shut his folding doors on the bus).

By the time the lights are green again, a truck that wishes to turn right has come from alongside across the bus's nose until the stream of pedestrians scampering to get aboard a bus pulled up in the intersecting street stops it.

By the time it has blasted through them, the lights change to red again, and a nervous Mexican, in a car eight blocks back who is trying to catch a train back to the city, gets out and stabs himself to death happily. The bus in front still waits.

All of this leads the New Yorker whenever possible to take a taxi. It explains why so many Gies took to taxis in England to the amazement of us frugal Britons.

For short distances they are really not so dear, as both buses and subways charge a flat fare, and which loses them money on long runs and cheats you on a short one, so that you get mad and

promise.

Mechanical "doctor" for cars

Atlantic City, March 2.

A mechanical diagnostician for the ill of a car has been introduced to the National Automobile Dealers Association. The device was one of 250 displays at the Association's equipment exhibition at Convention Hall. The exhibition opened a day in advance of the Association's annual convention.

The manufacturer of the diagnostician, a device with many dials, said it can tell instantly what is wrong with any car. It contains, in one unit, all of the testing equipment used to check the functions of vital car units.

If your car shows signs of having trouble, the manufacturer says, bring it in to your repair department. There will be no guesswork. The device will locate the trouble with scientific accuracy, he says.

Oil level check

For the fellow who likes push buttons there is a new one placed on the dashboard, that turns on a light and shows the driver the oil level, eliminating the need to open the bonnet and check in the conventional way.

Another device locks or unlocks the rear doors from a control on the dashboard. A new gadget restores proper wheel alignment instantly.

Delegates to the Association's convention discussed how to dispose of 6,000,000 new cars and trucks this year. They expect that number of vehicles to be delivered in 1950 production equals 1949.

Boat the jet men must not miss

By COURTENAY EDWARDS

Britain has a wonderful chance to do big business with Australia in the realm of air transport. This great Commonwealth country will soon need lots of new airliners of just the types that are now being thrown up in the renaissance of Britain's aircraft industry.

Australia is more than interested in the jet-propelled de Havilland Comet, the propeller-engined Vickers Viscount, the piston-engined Airspeed Ambassador, and the propeller-engined Handley Page Hermes.

British seamen may be working behind the scenes, in the good old modest British way, but during a visit to Australia from which I have recently returned I did not get the impression that Britons are fully alive to the tremendous possibilities of the air transport situation out there.

How tragic would be if British missed the boat through being so proud of its latest airliners, so cocksure of their world supremacy, that it made the mistake of leaving them to "sell themselves".

Two reasons
Australian National Airways, one of the country's two big airline organisations, badly needs a lot of new aircraft. Its U.S.-built Skymasters and Dakotas are wearing out. There are two main reasons why ANA is turning to Britain. The first is that Britain will hold an undoubted lead in the development of twin-engine jetliners.

But Arthur Coles, dynamic chairman of both TAA and British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines is very interested in the Comet. He is in favour of jumping straight from piston-engined airliners to jet-propelled Comets for TAA's long inter-State services. No doubt the money laid out on the new Convals is having some bearing on this outlook. By the time these piston-engined planes become worn out the Comet will have had operational experience on other routes. Already, Australia's airlines are speculating on how soon the Comet jetliner will be striking the line-distance between Sydney and Melbourne in a mere two days.

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THE CANBERRA CONFERENCE

One of the chief results of the Commonwealth Conference at Colombo was the acceptance of the plan of the new Australian Foreign Minister, Mr. Spender. The plan is for combating the spread of Communism in South East Asia by setting afoot a great economic expansion in this area. It was agreed that the first step

India nearly five years to produce this plant and it is still not ready. But when it comes into operation, its entire output of fertilizer spread over India fields will be enough to increase the total agriculture production of the country only by 400,000 tons—which is the amount of increase needed every year to feed the increasing population.

The second cause of India's dangerous plight is the economic collapse of South East Asia. In the past, when India's food pro-

By "WINDRUSH"

should be a conference of economic experts at Canberra, the Australian capital, to work out concrete details.

Further action has been hung up because of the British general election. But consultations are taking place between the Dominion Governments. It is hoped that the Canberra conference will meet in April or May.

What will it discuss? First it must make a rapid assessment of the economic situation of all South Asia. When it does so, it will probably conclude that there are two areas in which effort should be especially concentrated. These are India and Indonesia. These are the two countries of South Asia with specifically economic problems. In the other countries the economic life is by no means satisfactory; but the reason for this is chiefly political rather than economic. If only political conditions were orderly, a country like Burma would quickly become again relatively prosperous.

India is the key to the economic advancement of Asia. It is the key to much else. Some remarks of the great Lord Curzon, written 60 years ago, are still as true as on the day when he wrote them. "Even the fortunes of remote Korea are in a manner bound up with the problem of Hindustan, seeing that it is by the same foe that, in the last resort, both are threatened, and that the tactics which aim at the appropriation of the smaller unit have as their ultimate objective the detriment of the greater."

India's crisis

India's economic crisis has come about as the result of three main causes. The first is the swelling increase of population. It is a little difficult to give definite statistics for India's economic life since partition, because the previous figures referred usually to the whole Indian peninsula. But it can be safely assumed that the present rate of increase of population is about three and a half or four million a year. This means that India's food consumption must increase by 400,000 tons of grain a year if the new mouths are to be fed.

To meet this need, India is trying to increase its own food production. Paradoxically it starts with a certain advantage in this task because of the extreme inefficiency of Indian agriculture. With such a very low output per acre the lowest in the civilised world—a little effort is bound to effect some improvement. But can it produce anything like the improvement needed? One example will bring home the baffling magnitude of India's task. At great cost India has been erecting a gigantic fertilizer plant in order to try to emulate Japan in transforming its agriculture by the use of fertilizer. It has taken

duction was in deficit, it could obtain rice cheaply and easily from Burma. If it could do so it would today be importing about four or five million tons of rice from Burma. But Burma has hardly 1,000,000 tons to export, and it is doubtful whether, even if peace is restored, Burma will ever again export on the pre-war scale. For the pre-war rice production in Burma was the result of the very peculiar economic and agrarian structure of Burma. More than half the rice land of Lower Burma was in the hands of moneylenders from South India. Undoubtedly they were oppressive and exploitative; but they did organize the country for production and export. Now they have been expropriated. The Burmese peasant has been emancipated from their exactions. But Burmese agriculture will not again be as efficient as formerly.

British capital

Deprived of the rice exports of Burma—and Indo-China—India has been driven to make much more expensive imports from America and Australia.

The third cause of India's difficulty is the interruption of the flow of British capital to India. From the first half of the nineteenth century onwards until two or three decades ago, capital was flowing into India. Thus it was an expanding economy. The investment was given concrete expression in the great irrigation works of the Punjab and in the railway network covering India. It is true that the standard of living of the country as a whole did not rise. The absolute production rose, greatly; but unfortunately the population grew proportionately, and in many parts of the country the income per head remained stationary or even fell. But India's continuing poverty should not be allowed to obscure the fact that throughout this period capital investment was continuously transforming the Indian economy.

From 1890 the capital inflow began to slacken, and from the first world war it tumbled off sharply. Now it has virtually ceased. In fact there has been "disinvestment" by the British. No new capital is forthcoming. And America, faced with demands for capital from West Europe and all over the world, has not taken over the British role. The Indian wealthy class is small, and saving by Indians themselves is quite inadequate to supply the capital needed.

Thus, at a time when India is entering on an acute crisis from over-population and under-production of food, it is entering on a second crisis due to the stagnancy of its economy as the result of the stoppage of foreign investment.

How to remedy these three causes of India's difficulties—that is the first problem to which the Canberra conference must address itself.

No single solution to world deadlock

Washington, March 2.

The State Department believes that there is no single solution to the deadlock between the Western powers and Russia over the control of atomic energy and to reach an agreement on East-West differences in general.

The State Department's position was outlined today by its chief spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, when he commented on a proposal made yesterday by Senator Brian McMahon, Democratic Chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, that a new approach to atomic peace should be made to Russia at a United Nations General Assembly meeting in Moscow.

Senator McMahon's proposal is now being considered by State Department officials. Mr. McDermott said. But he added that no single formula or device will get at all of these problems.

Mr. McDermott said that through consultations with other Governments, the State Department is trying to:

- 1—Strengthen Western Europe.
- 2—Find a satisfactory basis for peace settlements for Germany and Japan.
- 3—Secure the necessary atomic fuel to solve the world's problems.

4—Support in every possible way the work of the United Nations along the lines of the essentials of the peace resolution of the last General Assembly and in their similar efforts.

Mr. McDermott said that the State Department is trying to attain these objectives in the United Nations, at meetings of regional organizations and by direct discussions with other countries.

He would not reply when asked if the State Department is now making a special study of any single proposal to end the cold war.

But, in a carefully phrased statement, he said: "We are studying every suggestion made by every responsible source that might contribute to the result which everyone is wanting."

A meeting of the Atomic Energy Commission, suggested by Senator McMahon, could have been held in Washington, but it was postponed because of the Senate's failure to pass the McMahon Atomic Energy Act.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

Their money our choice

The British walk to the ballot-boxes under Klieg lights. Every camera is focused on Britain, and the American audience, is prepared to cheer, boo, or even walk out on the performance. People here have helped to finance the production and they have paid admission price—now they wait impatiently to see what the British will do. I haven't met a single soul who knows what's going to happen.

They're jittery

Advance publicity has, in turn, forced a Socialist romp, a Conservative come-back, a strong all-round hit, and a resounding flop.

Anything, apparently, can happen in Britain on Thursday, and no one here will be very surprised.

My friends treat me with exaggerated consideration as if I were about to be wheeled into the operating theatre. I am being told to "take it easy, relax, watch my step, keep my fingers crossed, my head down, and my powder dry."

Our anxious American cousins seem more jittery than the election candidates themselves.

The belief that what Britain does today America does tomorrow is firmly implanted in the United States. So if the British put Mr. Attlee back into power, then everyone here will brace himself for Socialism on the British model.

JORDAN CABINET RESIGNATION

Amman, March 2.

The Jordan Cabinet resigned today. The Prime Minister, Fayik Abu El Huda, was asked by King Abdullah to continue in office pending the formation of a new Administration.

Tawfik Pasha formed his Cabinet last May. Last December it decided to dissolve the Chambers of Deputies and notables ready for possible elections this April of two Chambers, in which Arab Palestine, now occupied by Jordan troops, would have equal representation with Jordan. Israeli Government sources stated in Tel Aviv yesterday that successful negotiations are going on with Jordan but a Foreign Office spokesman denied Press reports that the Israeli Cabinet had had an extraordinary meeting to discuss a peace treaty with Jordan or a non-aggression pact to be signed shortly.—Reuter.

WORLD BARTER TRADE PLAN

Manila, March 3.

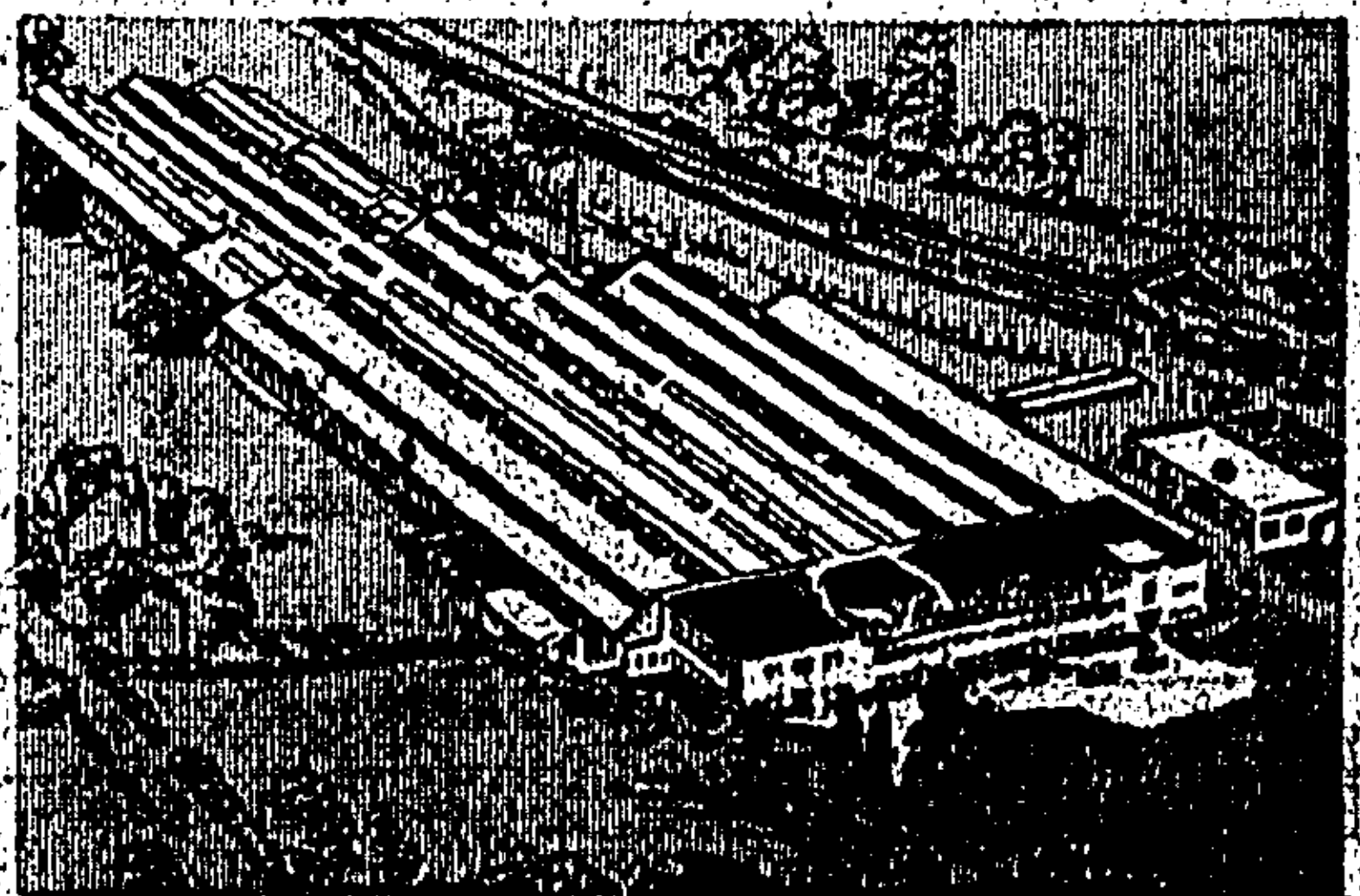
A plan to found a world clearing house for barter trade among States lacking foreign exchange came this morning before the Economic Affairs Committee of the United Nations Conference on the fifth world congress.

When brought today before the plenary session, the proposal received marked applause. The Economic Affairs Committee is also discussing President Harry Truman's Point Four programme. This envisages aid to under-developed countries.

The Social Welfare Committee decided to ask steamship lines to offer free passage to students travelling on scholarships.

The committee stage of the week-long convention at Manila is expected to end today.—Associated Press.

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lish mode in the American homeland; and if Mr. Churchill is victorious, then the American way of life will be saved.

What they want

It is no use pretending that this is an objective and impartial audience. The Americans want the Conservatives to win. They want to start doing business again with Mr. Churchill and are hopeful that Mr. Churchill will be able to do business with Mr. Stalin.

During the past few days the Administration has been at pains to discover that the Democrats' Fair Deal in the White House is a drop of Socialist blood in him.

Mr. Paul Hoffman, head of ECA, goes around telling Senators that the Marshall Plan and European economic integration stand a much better chance of success if the Conservatives win.

And the ordinary worried, hard-working, heavily taxed member of the American community—contributor to the British economy, a firm friend and ally—looks to Winston Churchill to remove the shadow of the "hydrogen bomb" from himself and his home.

All this is not interference in British affairs—it is the right of the paying American customer to put in his two cents' worth.

There are elaborate plans to report the election result. Radio and television stations are geared to flash bulletins as the votes are counted.

The commentators are lined up before the microphones and the newspapers will roll out special editions.

Mess and mix-up

A lot of other people here have similar symptoms, but not altogether because of the British election.

New York suddenly finds itself in an extraordinary mess and mix-up.

Rationing has come to the seat of power and wealth. It appears we have scarcely any coal; we have scarcely any water; we have little fuel for light and not much for heat.

We have been told to cut down or face the consequences. The most brilliantly lit city in the world accepts a humiliating brown-out, and the glittering marquee signs and dazzling "spectaculars" are dimmed.

There is talk of rationing, and no one can think of a convincing explanation except to curse the miners' leader, John L. Lewis, and blame the weather man.

Every day brings a new threat. The taverns and pubs may be closed, the theatres and theatres shuttered, the dance-halls and amusement parks locked up.

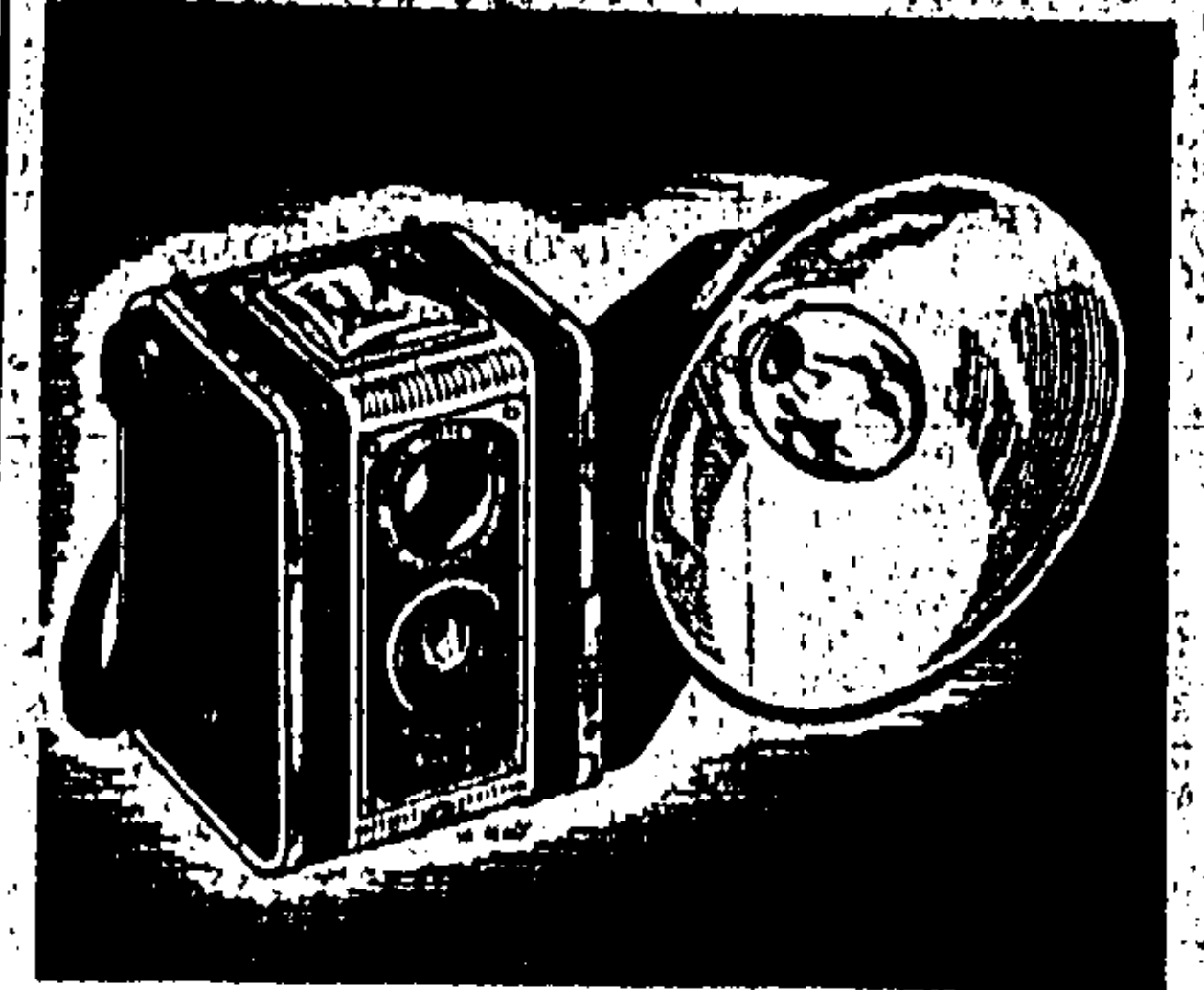
It's an absurd situation, and the City Council runs around in circles.

At least there's no rationing of food. In fact there is so much surplus food that the Department of Agriculture may soon run out of caves and storehouses in which to dump it.

There are billions of surplus eggs, potatoes, and even nuts (paging Mr. Strachey) lying around, and no one knows what to do with them.

Since I last mentioned this problem it has got worse, and the Kansas caves are bursting at the seams.

One of the first gestures our new Government should make is to assist the Americans in this predicament. It's our turn to help, and I am told that there's plenty of room at home to accommodate the footstuffs—particularly in British stomachs.



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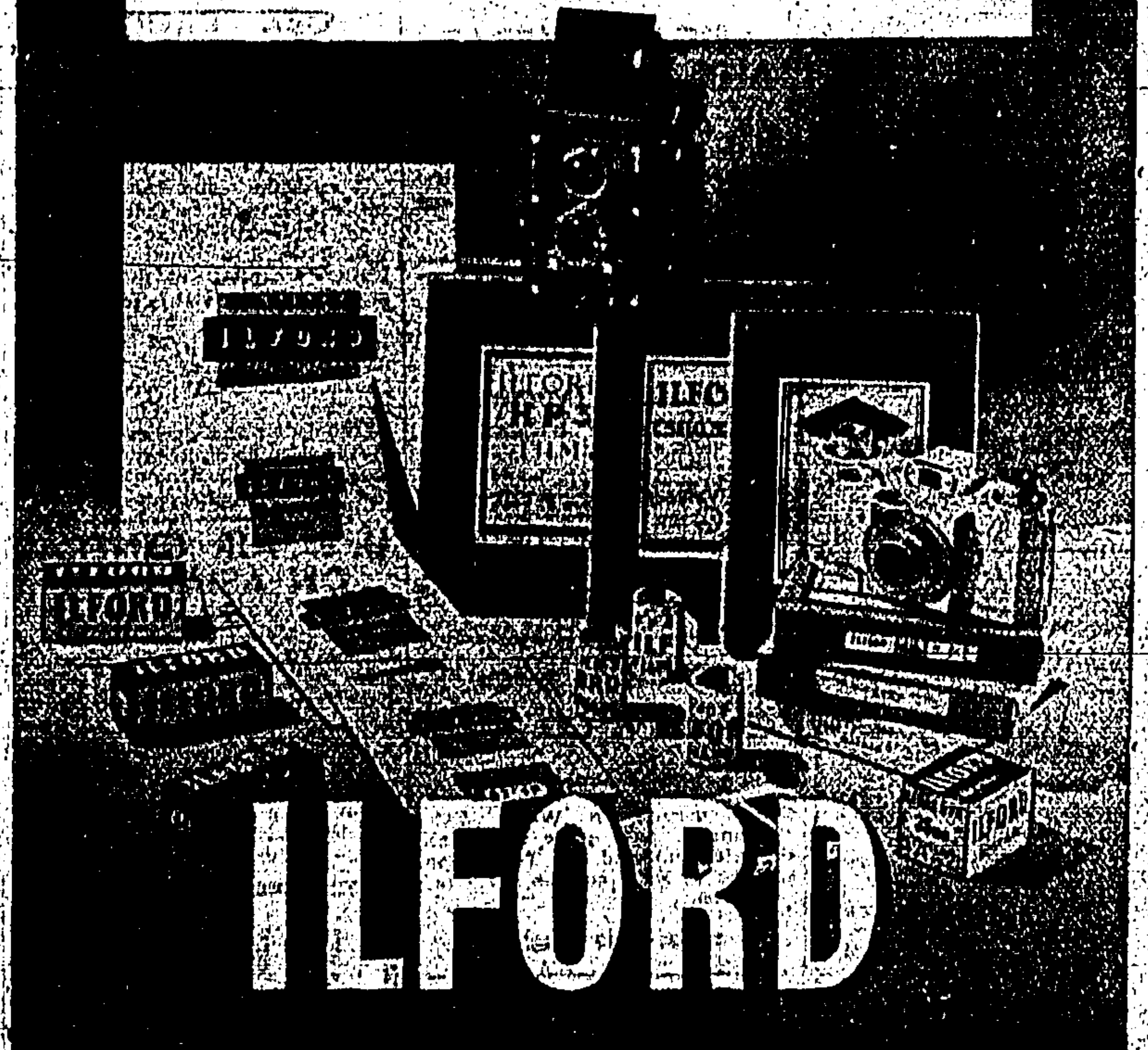
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Junior posts in the Government

London, March 2.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, has given
the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, a new
Foreign Parliamentary Under-Secretary.
He is Mr. Ernest Albert John Davies who succeeds
Mr. Christopher Mayhew. Mr. Mayhew lost
his seat in the recent Election.

Mr. Davies, 48-year-old, is
a journalist by profession. He
was Editor of the Socialist
newspaper, "Clarion," from

1939-42 and afterwards of the
"New Clarion".
Mr. Davies was Parliamentary
Private-Secretary to Mr. Hector
McNeill, former Minister of State
for Foreign Affairs. Mr. McNeill
was promoted to the Cabinet and
made Scottish Secretary. He was
replaced as Foreign Affairs
Minister of State by Mr. Kenneth
Younger, formerly Parliamentary
Secretary to the Home Office.

The new junior Ministers an-
nounced tonight are as follows:
Parliamentary and Financial
Secretary to the Admiralty—Mr.
Leonard James Callaghan.
Air Ministry Parliamentary
Under-Secretary—Mr. Aldan
Merville Crawley.
Ministry of Civil Aviation Par-
liamentary Secretary—Mr. Frank
Boydell.
Colonial Office Parliamentary
Under-Secretary—Mr. Thomas
Fotheringham Cook.
Commonwealth Relations Par-
liamentary Under-Secretary—
Lord Holden.
Ministry of Food Parliamentary
Secretary—Stanley Norman
Evans.
Foreign Office Parliamentary
Under-Secretary—Mr. Ernest
Albert John Davies.

Woman appointed.
Home Office Parliamentary
Under-Secretary—Mr. Geoffrey
S. de Freitas.
Ministry of Labour Parla-
mentary Secretary—Mr. Frederick
Lee.
Ministry of National Insurance
Parliamentary Secretary—Mr.
Harry Bernard Taylor.
Scottish Office Parliamentary
Under-Secretary—Miss Margaret
McRorie Herblison.
Ministry of Town and Country
Planning Parliamentary Secretary—
Mr. George S. Lindgren.
Board of Trade Parliamentary
Secretary—Mr. Harvey Rhead.
Ministry of Transport Parla-
mentary Secretary—Lord Lucas
of Chilworth.
Financial Secretary to the
Treasury—Mr. Douglas Patrick
Thomas Jay.
The other junior Ministers are
unchanged.—Reuter.

**Legation
Staff
Accused**
Prague, March 2.
Officials of the Dutch Legation
here were implicated in
charges of spying and
sabotage by a fellow Dutchman
on trial in the Czech
State Court, Prague Radio
said tonight.

The Dutchman, a business man,
Johannes A. Louwers, is being
tried along with nine Czechs, ac-
cused of treason, spying and
sabotage.

According to the Dutch Charge
d'Affaires, Louwers is still under
questioning tonight after more
than 10 hours in Court.

Letters and parcels containing
information and samples con-
stituting economic espionage were
sent by Louwers to Holland by
diplomatic mail," the Radio said.
The broadcast quoted evidence
given by Louwers, stating that he
was assisted in espionage work
by the Chancellor of the Dutch
Legation, Theodor Lochman, and
by the Director of the Dutch Air-
lines office.

The Radio also named the
Military Attache, the Dutch Trade
Representative, and two other
employees of the Legation.
"To excuse himself, Louwers
stated that the American, British,
Canadian and numerous other
Legations and Embassies of
Western countries, are also
carrying out economic sabotage
and supporting rich reaction-
aries," the Radio said.

The trial, closed to Western
correspondents, was attended to-
day by five members of the
Dutch diplomatic corps.
Mr. Van Der Bong told Reu-
ters that the nine Czechs were
taken out of Court this morning
after they had been identified,
leaving Louwers alone before the
Judges.

He said that the questioning
went on all day, with one hour's
break for lunch and a 10-minute
break tonight.

He understood that Louwers
was questioning about charges
that he obtained economic in-
formation and helped Czechs to
flee the country.—Reuter.

**GLoucesters TO
SEE FAROUK**
Cairo, March 2.
The Duke and Duchess of
Gloucester will be received in
audience by King Farouk when
they visit Cairo on March 12.
The Duke and Duchess will
spend one night in Cairo on their
way to Kenya where the Duke
will present a Royal Charter to
Nairobi, capital of the Colony,
granting it the status of a city.
The ceremony, to be held in
Nairobi on March 30, marks the
fiftieth anniversary of the estab-
lishment of local government in
the town.
The Duke and Duchess will stay
at the British Embassy in Cairo
as guests of Sir Ronald Campbell,
the British Ambassador.—Reuter.

**U. S. AIR GENERAL
ON ASIA TOUR**
Salmon, March 2.
Major-General Warkent of the
United States Air Force, arrived
here today from Tokyo and is
due to leave tomorrow for Bang-
kok.
He is on a tour of countries in
South East Asia, particularly
Siam and Burma.
American sources said it is a
courtesy visit and not an official
one.—Reuter.

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TRUMAN SAYS HE WON'T GO TO MOSCOW AS PRESIDENT

Washington, March 2.
President Truman said today that he will never go
to Moscow so long as he is President of the
United States.

In even more categorical terms than on any previous
occasion, the President at his weekly Press
conference rejected any possibility of his go-
ing to Moscow to discuss with Generalissimo
Stalin means of ending current American-
Soviet differences.

At the same time the Pre-
sident indicated that he is will-
ing to see Generalissimo Stalin
in Washington. He said that he
will see anyone who is willing
to come to the United States.

The President added that he
will object to nothing that would
contribute to the peace of the
world. He will co-operate whole-
heartedly in anything that will
contribute to world peace.

The President made these
statements when he was asked to
comment on proposals for a new
effort to reach a settlement on
atomic energy control and other
international problems between
the Soviet Union and the United
States.

The latest was yesterday's pro-
posal by Senator Elin Mc-
Mahon, Chairman of the Joint
Congressional Committee on
Atomic Energy, that the United
Nations should hold a meeting in
Moscow to discuss atomic disar-
mament.

The President also denied re-
ports that the United States de-
fence situation is deteriorating.
He said that the national defence
situation of the United States is
in better shape than it had ever
been at a time when the country
was not at war.

Loyalty checks
A similarly optimistic picture
was given by the President
when he was questioned about
the measures being taken in
the United States to examine
the loyalty and security of in-
dividuals working in the State
Department and other con-
fidential offices.

Rebutting charges that he had
been lax in investigating the
loyalty of individuals working
for the Government, the Pre-
sident said that he was the only
one who had taken any concrete
action in relation to such charges
and that it was under his direc-
tion that cases of loyalty and
sabotage had been investigated
so far.



PRESIDENT TRUMAN

At the same time, the President
said that civil liberties and
liberties granted under the United
States Bill of Rights must be
protected in loyalty investiga-
tions.

After making his statement
that he will never go to Moscow
so long as he is President of the
United States, Mr. Truman re-
laxed, laughed and added that
he hopes to have a chance to go
there and see the place when he
is through with being President
of the United States. He might
then possibly go as a tourist.—
Reuter.

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET CHIEF

Washington, March 2.
President Harry Truman to-
day nominated Vice-Admiral
Calvin T. Durgin as Comman-
der of the First Fleet in the
Pacific. The First Fleet is the
main U.S. Naval force in the
Pacific.

Admiral Durgin, now Deputy
Chief of Naval Operations for Air,
succeeds Vice-Admiral Gerald F.
Bogan, who retired on February
1 after attacking defence policies
which, he said, were crippling the
Navy.

Admiral Durgin is 57, a veteran
of World War Two. He served in
both the Atlantic and Pacific. In
the Pacific, he commanded escort
carrier groups covering the land-
ings on the Philippines, Iwo Jima
and Okinawa. He became Deputy
Chief of Naval Operations for Air
in May last year.—Associated
Press.

CHINATOWN FIRE

Montreal, March 2.
Four died and 20 were injured
when fire swept through a block of
brick buildings and Chinese cafes
in Montreal's Chinatown tonight.
Lin Shew, 60-year-old Chinese,
died when he leaped with his
clothes aflame from a third floor
window.—Associated Press.

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THICKER FOG THAN
THIS!

WHERE?

I DON'T KNOW, IT
WAS TOO
FOGGY!

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN
By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

PROF. VANCE, THAT MUST BE AN
ILLUSION—WITH MIRRORS
THOSE PEOPLE CAN'T
BE THAT TINY—
UNDER THAT
MICROSCOPE!

IT'S NO ILLUSION! I MADE THEM THAT
WAY—WITH MY GREAT INVENTION—
THE REDUCTION RAY!
THEY'RE ALMOST
GERM-SIZE!

I'LL BE—THERE'S THE KID—
AND HAIRY MIKE AND FATS,
WHO BROKE OUT OF JAIL
LAST
MONTH—

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—IN THE EYE OF A NEEDLE!

RIP KIRBY
By ALEX RAYMOND

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HER
KISS

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TOWNS, BIG AND LITTLE!

MISS MITCHELL

MRS MITCHELL, I'VE ALWAYS
HAD A RESPECT FOR BOARDING
HOUSES! I'M GIVIN' NOTICE
TO YOU TO GET OUT!

BUT WHAT
ON EARTH
HAVE I
DONE?

JOE GOWDY

JOHNNY HAZARD
By FRANK ROBBINS

THAT DOES IT!
NOW WE'RE REALLY
RIGHT IN A
CROSS FIRE!

STOP
THOSE
TWO!

THEY GO THERE!
BETWEEN THE TWO
PLANES!

THIRD PLANE DOWN
THE LINE! YOU MAKE FOR
IT WHILE I HOLD THEM
OFF! GET GOING!

JANE

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND
WHY GEORGE'S MAMMY
TURNED UP PRITS—
SURELY HE MEANT
IT THIS TIME!

WHAT'S THIS?
A PACKAGE
FOR MRS. F.

AN OPAL ENGAGEMENT
RING!—WITH LOVE
FROM GEORGE!—
OPALS ARE UNUSUAL
AND HE SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN MY
STONE'S ARE
DIAMONDS!

THIS IS TOO MUCH!
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CAN PROPOSE TO
ME BY POST
HE'S HAD
IT!!!

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JAPAN

"TJIPONDOK"	6th Mar.	16th Mar.
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The past week has been disappointing. Companies continue to declare good dividends, but the market takes little effective notice, and the business passing has been small and rates are barely maintained.

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(New) 810, 820.
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Telephone 175.
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Cm. Mch. (Cm) 215.
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Cement X.D. 015, 015.
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Daily Farm 15.
Watson 45, 45, 45, 45.
L. Crawford 20 1/2, 20 1/2.
Sincere 100.
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Hun. Co. Ltd. 200.
Kwong Sang Hong 10.
Wing-On (H.K.) 015.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 015.
MISCELLANEOUS
China Enterprises 215, 175.
H.K. Construction (Cm) 2 1/2.
(New) 100.
Vibro Pillars 10.
Marsden Investments 3/4.
Shanghai (H.K.) 10.
Shanghai Loan 100.
Yangtze 40.
COTTONS
Ewos 3 1/2, 3 1/2.

PROFITS AND BONUS SHARES
London, March 3.
Commenting upon the "death of risk capital" in the United States, the National City Bank of New York points out that taxation is so heavy that it drains off the margin of incomes which their owners formerly used to have and invest. If this is true of the American investor, it is doubly true of us in England today.

Our grandfathers regarded thrift as one of the cardinal virtues. Each year they saved a substantial part of their income, and the fruits of their investments not only provided us with our great industries of today but saved us in two wars. Our present plight is very different. After we have paid our taxes and met our current living expenses, so far from being able to save, some of us have to give our children the same start in life as our fathers gave us.

Nor is there today the same temptation to risk our savings in new ventures. If they fail, the loss is ours. If they succeed, the Government first levies profits tax, it proceeds to levy income tax on what is left, and even then we are liable to surtax. If our gross income is above a certain figure, why then save and invest, even if we are able to do so? That is one of the reasons why the moment taxation rises above a certain height it becomes a cancer in the life of the nation. In these days of class warfare and prejudiced thinking we are paying dearly for a certain looseness of expression in the past. Take, for example, that much abused word "taxes." As every accountant knows, trading profits have to be provided for many necessities. Depreciation, obsolescence and renovation of plant, all have to be paid for out of trading profits. The parallel is the house owner, who has to devote a portion of his income to the decoration and repair of his house, and the renewal and upkeep of his linen and furniture.

An individual can let his house and furniture go to rack and ruin, and is still able to do his work. A business cannot. On the contrary, it must do more than make good the ravages of time. It must keep on growing and bringing itself up to date. If it is to do any good at all, all this must come out of profits.

Even today taxable profits do not take full account of these necessary charges, and the result is that beyond a certain point a business has to earn over two shillings for every shilling which it spends on its upkeep. But my main point is this. It is a thousand pities that we have come to speak of "trading profits." Instead we should speak of a "trading surplus," and use the word "profits" to mean "distributable profits," after all essential charges have been met.

Bonus fallacy

Another unfortunate expression is "bonus shares." As I have just pointed out, if a business is to thrive, it must apply part of each year's earnings to modernisation and extension. The money must be retained, and the property of the shareholders, and what the directors have really done is to reinvest that money in the business on the shareholders' behalf. And as that money is reinvested, and as in consequence the business grows, so do annual distributable profits and dividend increase.

If anyone thinks that improper, let him reflect on one simple fact: If that money had been handed back to the shareholders, they would have been entitled to invest it elsewhere and to obtain dividends on that new investment. Why then should they be deprived of new dividends, if that money is reinvested in the business?

NY RUBBER

New York, March 2.
Crude rubber number one futures closed unchanged to five higher. Sales 37 contracts.
May 18.83-84.
July 18.83-84.
September 18.83-84.
Spot rubber one ribbed smoked sheets 19.3/4 nominal. Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, March 2.
Prices moved in a narrow range during a listless session of the London Stock Exchange today. British Government bonds dropped one quarter to three eighths of a pound per hundred of 2100.
Slight gains predominated in the industrial shares list.
Cash tin was five shillings higher at 258 1/2 bid, and 2600 asked. Ninety-day futures 250 17/16 to 258 1/2 bid, and 258 1/2 asked. The total turnover was 70 tons. Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENT

San Francisco, March 1.
Ship departure for Bombay. Associated Press.

U.S. DEFICIT

Washington, March 2.
The U.S. Government passed the two-thirds mark of the fiscal year 1939 with a deficit of \$2,780,455,000 in operations since last July 1.
President Harry Truman has forecast that the deficit will rise to \$5,500,000,000 by June 30. Associated Press.

CITIZENSHIP OF INDIANS ABROAD

London, March 2.
The High Commissioner for India, Mr. W. K. Mitchell-McMahon, said in London tonight that the Indians coming home when India was to have been living abroad for many years will have to know where their citizenship lies.
Speaking at the annual dinner of the Indian Social Club, he was commenting on the fact that the number of Indians living in Great Britain is unknown. At present, he said, the law of India makes citizenship rights easy, rather than difficult for those living overseas. Reuter.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 2.
The stock market clung to a steady course while the effects of the coal strike grew worse by the hour. Gains and losses were almost evenly matched.

Changes were mostly limited to minor fluctuations. Transfers 1,340,000. Four hundred and twelve stocks advanced and 409 declined. New highs were recorded by 58 stocks while only one touched a new low.

Among gainers were Granite City Steel, Eastern Stainless Steel, Bund Company, Gulf, Mobile and Ohio, Pepsi-Cola.

Laggards included Baltimore and Ohio, Greyhound, Santa Fe.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 73.91; 20 Industrials 203.54; 15 Rails 55.74; 10 Utilities 42.82.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 21 1/2
Alaska 100 1/2
American Can 11 1/2
"Smelting 54 1/2
"Telephone 150 1/2
"Tobacco 74 1/2
"Waterworks 9 1/2
Anaconda Copper 30 1/2
Aviation Corp. 0 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 12 1/2
Barnard 50
Bendix Aviation 42 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 34
Boeing Aircraft 28 1/2
Borden Co. 51 1/2
Canadian Pacific 15 1/2
J. I. Case 44 1/2
Chrysler 0 1/2
Colgate 0 1/2
Commercial Solvent 10 1/2
Corn Products 60 1/2
Du Pont 62 1/2
Eastman Kodak 47
General Electric 40 1/2
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Rail bonds improved. Among curb miners were Kirby Petroleum, Louisiana Land, Gales Service, Kaiser Frizer. Associated Press.

CONTROL OF SILVER PRICES
Washington, March 2.
Senator McCarran, Nevada Democrat, said today that the control of silver prices probably lies in the New York market.

"More silver is sold through the New York market than any market in the world," he said. A resolution to authorize an investigation of silver trade practices is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which Senator McCarran is Chairman.

The Government price for newly mined domestic silver is 90.0 cents.

Referring to this gap, Mr. McCarran asked: "Is it (the price) forced down and held there by monopolistic combinations?"

Senator McCarran said the world price of silver was fixed until a few years ago by four brokers in London. The Bombay market, he said, is at present isolated because of import restrictions on the metal, and the Shanghai market is cut off by Chinese Communist conquest. Associated Press.

MALAYA GOC'S FAREWELL

Singapore, March 2.
Major-General Charles Boucher, Malaya district, wished his troops good hunting and straight shooting in a farewell order before leaving for Britain next week.

"Your magnificent achievements in the jungle and out of it are not sufficiently realised out here," he said.

Major-General Robert Uppquhart, who is taking over the command from Major-General Boucher, arrived at Kuala Lumpur today.

Major-General Boucher, who is returning to Britain for health reasons, has commanded the Malayan district since June, 1937. Reuter.

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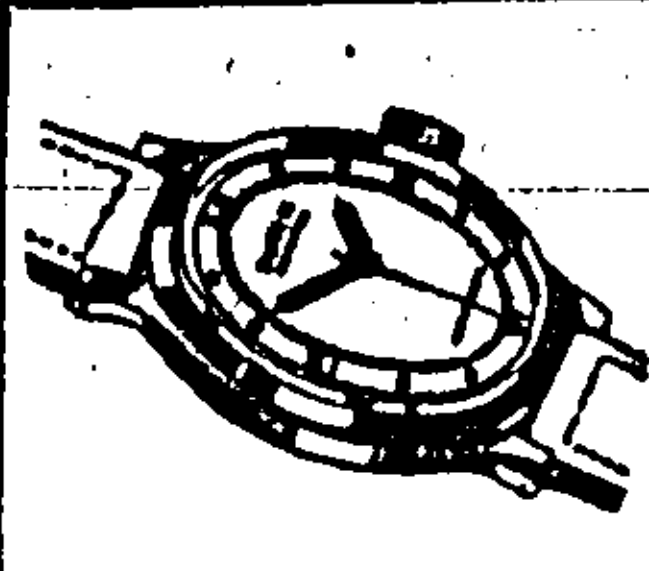
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Soccer:

HKFA and certain referees to blame for rough play

(By "ROVER")

There is nothing surprising about the recent outbreak of rough play on the soccer field. Rough play has featured the game in this Colony in the past and the responsibility for its recurrence of late would seem to rest largely with the Hong Kong Football Association and certain referees.

Due to the frequent outbreak of serious trouble at soccer matches during the 1948/49 season, a Committee—known as the Committee of Seven—was appointed to enquire into "the cause of the existing state of the game of football in this Colony."

In answer to the Terms of Reference, the Committee of Seven made the following observations:

"1. The actual game in Hong Kong is no rougher than that in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

"2. There is nothing wrong with the average player. Any misbehaviour should be controlled by good refereeing and the co-operation of Clubs.

"3. Play today is not so rough or dirty as it was some years ago.

"4. Any rough play displayed was due, in a large measure, to lack of knowledge of the Laws of the Game."

School football

The Committee of Seven expressed the view that the revival of School Football would do much good in the training of the best type of player in future years.

In regard to measures which should be adopted to eliminate rough play or tactics, the Committee of Seven recommended, inter alia, that referees apply their powers strictly from the very start of the season.

The Committee of Seven also recommended that all players who are cautioned by the referee should be brought before the Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA for disciplinary action.

The appointment of a Public Relations Committee for the purpose of educating the general public and players in the Laws of the Game was also recommended.

The HKFA is to blame for the recurrence of rough play because it has not done anything towards carrying out the recommendations of the Committee of Seven.

If the HKFA is sincere in its desire to promote the game of association football in this Colony and to stamp out rough play or tactics on the field, it should implement the recommendations of the Committee of Seven.

Educate schoolboys

It should make a start by educating schoolboy footballers in the Laws of the Game.

An incident which took place during the game between King George V School and Wah Yan College on the Club Ground last Sunday clearly proved that the

education of schoolboys in the Laws of the Game is absolutely essential.

If the schoolboy footballers of today are to be a credit to the game in this Colony in future, they should be set out on the right path now.

To this end, the HKFA should take immediate steps to arrange for weekly lectures to be given to all schoolboy footballers on the Laws of the Game.

The mere broadcasting of soccer topics over the radio is not sufficient; not all schoolboy footballers can tune in at the appropriate time.

It is understood that Mr. L. G. Young did give a lecture to a number of schoolboy footballers before he went to England recently.

Most enthusiastic

The majority of the youngsters who attended this lecture were, it is understood, most enthusiastic and looked forward to a resumption of the talks "by Mr. Young on his return to the Colony."

To their disappointment, however, Mr. Young has not continued with his talks since his return.

The contempt in which the HKFA is being held by certain members of the public and players has been brought about mainly by the milk-and-water policy of the Association and the general belief that it is not a free agent.

It is time, therefore, for the HKFA to assert itself and to adopt a resolute impartial and realistic attitude in tackling the problem of soccer in this Colony.

It is hoped that before the next season gets under way, the Association will have done something towards educating schoolboys, League players and members of the public regarding the Laws of the Game.

It would also be a good idea if the HKFA could see its way to arrange for a Chinese version of the Laws of the Game to be printed and distributed to Chinese players—League and school.

A Chinese copy of the Laws of the Game, as applicable to miniature football played under the auspices of the Miniature Football Association, was published long ago and there should be no difficulty in arranging for publication of a Chinese version of the Laws of the Game, as applicable to association football.

Leaflets, setting forth different Laws could, with advantage, be distributed to spectators at soccer matches.

Weakness in handling

Certain referees are to blame for the present state of rough play because they have displayed a definite weakness in the handling of a game.

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LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

C. K. Lee, the Colony Badminton Singles title-holder advanced into the next round of the Colony Singles Championship when he defeated Shal-lenders W. Gilles at the Victoria Recreation Club last night. Although the game went to only two sets, there were some interesting duels of blistering smashes from both players.

The closest game was again the Schoolboys' event, in which the Hsi brothers triumphed over Y. Khan and A. A. dos Remedios after three hard fought sets.

Schoolboys' Singles: K. Y. Tso beat Wal Tsang-wing, 15-2, 15-4. Schoolboys' Doubles: E. C. Y. Hsi and S. Hsi beat Y. Khan and A. A. dos Remedios, 8-15, 15-9, 15-11. M. Nalase and G. Pomerooy beat Tai Han-lee and Fan Chun-wong, 17-15, 15-7.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. M. Chow v. Mrs. M. Ribeiro (postponed). Junior Mixed Doubles: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chung beat T. E. Rodriguez and Miss T. Marques, 15-3, 15-5; K. C. Wong and Miss H. P. Lam v. A. J. Remedios and Miss T. Remedios (postponed).

Junior Men's Singles: S. T. Hoo beat M. T. Lam, 15-8, 15-2. Senior Men's Singles: C. K. Lee beat W. Gilles, 15-7, 15-9.

SOCCER PLAYERS SUSPENDED

The Emergency Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday suspended Nien of St. Joseph's and Highton of Commandos from playing soccer for the remainder of the season.

Nien and Highton were both ordered off the field during the League Soccer match between St. Joseph's and Commandos at Sookunpoo on Sunday, February 28.

Lee Yuk-tak of South China, who was ordered off the field in the League Soccer match between South China and St. Joseph's at Cambridge Hill, on Sunday, February 28, was suspended for one month, the sentence to start from the day he was ordered off.

Mr. Mok Hing of South China then gave notice that he would appeal against the suspension.

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following are the results of the remaining Second Round matches in the Lawn Tennis Doubles Championships played at Chater Road yesterday:

Lam Kwan and Kwok Hing-chung lost to Benzin Saw and Patrick Poon 6-0, 6-2. P. M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodriguez beat F. W. Hayward and W. McColl 6-1, 6-0.

T. J. Gould and I. Agafurov lost to J. B. Hawthorn and J. V. Sellers 6-0, 6-4. Eddie Chan and Lau Kai beat F. H. Kwok and M. Chan 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

CHAND TARA HOCKEY TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Chand Tara in the League fixture against University on Sunday, March 5, at the University Ground (Pokfulam) at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

H. S. Dhillon, G. S. Gill (Capt.), J. Gatum, L. Curry, M. Ali Din, Cpl. Ward, D. Khan, P. M. Ali, M. Akbar Din, Sgt. Long.

Reserves: K. Lall, Atherton. All players are requested to assemble at the University bus stop at the Vehicular Ferry at 9.30 a.m. sharp.

In fact, certain referees are so flustered at times that they hardly know what they are doing themselves and have been known to penalize the wrong player.

If rough play on the field is to be eliminated and untoward incidents involving spectators avoided, it is imperative that referees co-operate by taking a firm hand right from the start of the game.

It would also be well for certain referees to bear in mind the fact that apart from getting tough, they should also not interdict anything in more likely to lead to trouble than unfairness and racial discrimination.

Finally, it is suggested that when a referee penalizes a player, he should take the trouble to inform the player of his decision and the reason for the decision.

The players concerned will then know where he has been wrong and should be able to rectify the error, he will have no ground for resentment if given a warning.

All-England Badminton:

Wong Peng-soon reaches semi-finals of singles; loses doubles event

London, March 2.

Wong Peng-soon, the brilliant Malayan Badminton Champion, took his challenge for the men's singles title in the All-England Championships here as far as the semi-final stage today.

Wong won his quarter-final brilliantly. He was expected to be given a hard fight by the diminutive Champion of Sweden, Nils Jonson, but moving fast about the court he was never in the slightest danger of defeat.

He commanded the majority of the rallies with his well disguised strokes and ran out the winner at 15-6 and 15-3.

The leading Danish contender, Poul Holm, also tightened his challenge. He went into the semi-final at the expense of another Swedish seeded player, Inge Blomberg, by 15-8 and 15-11 without being unduly troubled.

In the semi-finals Wong faces a formidable opponent in the Danish International Jørn Skarup, who won the title two years ago. Skarup played well in disposing of J. Hammergaard Hansen, the Danish Junior Champion, in the quarter-final.

Holm, who is seeded No. 2 behind Wong, also has a stiff semi-final. He clashes with Ole Jensen, Denmark's most promising youngster, who played a powerful and tenacious game in beating Choong Ewe-tong, of Malaya, in a bitterly-fought quarter-final, by 15-13, 15-6 and 15-9.

This latter match, which went to three games, was one of the best of the Championships so far.

Women's singles

Three Danes also survived to the semi-final stage of the women's singles—the holder, Miss A. Jacobsen, Miss K. Thorndahl, the winner in 1948, and Mrs. Tonny Ahm.

Completing the semi-final line-up is Miss Nancy Fleming, of New Zealand, who travelled 4,000 miles to compete. Hopes of an all-Malayan final were dashed when Choong was beaten by Jensen. Choong began well, but did not have the best of luck. His drop shots especially, often toppled the wrong way.

Jensen covered the court at high speed and some of his recoveries were astonishing—Reuters.

Defeated in doubles

London, March 2.

Wong Peng-soon and his English International partner, Noel Radford, in their quest for the men's doubles title of the All-England Badminton Championships, were surprisingly beaten in the third round by an unseeded Danish pair, Arve Lossmann and J. Nygaard.

The Danes won 17-10, 11-15, 18-14. Lossmann is a player of great power in doubles and Nygaard is a doubles specialist.

Every point was bitterly contested in a match of fluctuating fortunes in which the sides were rarely divided by more than a couple of points.

Wong played well, but Radford's understanding with him seemed to have deteriorated in the face of such determined opposition and the partnership tended to crack a little at crucial points.

Radford lost a number of rallies by misjudging his strokes and netting.

Precision and cohesion

The Danes were a grand pair of fighters in the face of adversity. They played with precision and cohesion, and their remarkable retrieving powers saved many seemingly lost points.

It was the first major upset of the Championships.

Men's doubles results. First round: A. Baron and A. Horden (England) beat B. A. Shah (India) and Slow Watt-soon (Malaya) 15-4, 6-15, 15-9; Second round: Poul Holm and Boerge Frederiksen (Denmark) beat K. S. Khong and Y. S. Lau (Malaya) 15-3, 15-4—Reuters.

Rugby:

England meet Scotland in International final

(By "J. T. STUD")

Today's International Rugby final at Sookunpoo sees the last of the Colony fifteen aside rugger this season.

The match holds promise of being a real thriller.

Scotland, holders of the trophy, have enjoyed a local monopoly in this annual event and will have to produce a much better brand of football than they showed last Saturday if their domination is to continue.

England are fielding a formidable side and on form must start favourites for today's struggle.

Both teams have announced several changes. Since the sides were originally selected, Bucknell the English hooker, is unfit and his place will be filled by Luscumb of the Club.

Outside the scrum, Ronnie Clayden, probably the most dangerous centre in local rugger, replaces Spiller; Franklin comes in in the wing in view of the departure of Brown who, with Spiller, is off home on the Devonshire.

Definite advantage

England appear to have a definite advantage forward, possessing a very heavy and big right-tail: Correl, Minib, Musto and Hutton are all outstanding forwards and it is this department of the team that should account for the English victory.

Scotland have made no less than eight changes in their fifteen in an apparent endeavour to give the side more punch.

The King's Own Scottish Borderers are producing four players and a reserve, with the exception of K. Jones, newcomers to Hong Kong rugger.

Robertson, the Scots' scrum-half, is a player who is well known to the Hong Kong players and should be a good find for the English.

Softball:

Wahoos need one more win to annex "China Mail" trophy

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Eight teams have registered for the Inter-Hong Softball series, while nine Midget teams have signified their intention of competing in the newly formed Midget circuit, entries for which closed last Thursday.

The Inter-Hong tournament will be a one-round affair, while the number of games in the Midget league will depend on the wishes of a managers' meeting which will be held on Wednesday, March 8.

Entries to the two leagues are as follows:

Inter-Hong: Shell, Stanvac, Caltex, Gibbs, Union Insurance, Mercantile Bank, San Miguel Brewery and Civil Service.

Midgets: Mohawks, P. I. Dodgers, Delawares, Black Arrows, Saints, Aces, Falcons and Lions.

Entry fee for the Inter-Hong league will be \$45 a team, while a player registration fee of 50 cents per head will be charged for Midget entries.

Regulations governing the Midget League are as follows: (1) Only players who are not more than 15 years of age and who are under 5' 2" will be eligible; (2) No player who has participated in any other organized league of the Association will be permitted to participate; (3) The games will be played on a 50-foot diamond with a pitching distance of 35 feet.

Draw for the first games of the Inter-Hong series, which will commence on Sunday, March 12, is as follows:

Shell v. Caltex; Stanvac v. Mercantile Bank; Gibbs v. Civil Service; San Miguel v. Union Insurance.

Annual ball

Before the Council meeting concluded, Mrs. Carmen Molten was invited to head the Committee for organizing the Annual Ball which is fixed for Saturday, April 29, at the Peninsula Hotel.

Jaguars and Americans enter the first stage of the Senior League play-off as they clash tomorrow at noon on the CBA Park, when Plate Umpire Charlie Figliorelli hollers "Play Ball!"

The Americans, who have earned their play-off right through a hotly contested elimination series, are not likely to let up on taking things easy, although mentor Frank Cleary will be at a disadvantage with the loss of his two star hurlers.

With both Fred Heckman and Frank Schwartz both away from the Colony, it is likely that Cleary will give the nod to Seabue, who pitched a creditable game for USA in the recent International semi-final.

Despite this handicap, the Yanks still have enough power in their swings to make it a tough fight and any Jaguar victory will have to be earned the hard way.

Imposing triumphs

The Jaguars, who have hung up a string of imposing triumphs, felt before the Saints last week, not by being outplayed but through lack of experience, having climbed so high in their first senior semester, they will naturally play all out in the final stage.

Battery for the Jollin Jaguars will be the usual Vic Pedruto and regular Corcoran combination, with regular infielders Eric Guest, Nelson Souza, Umberto Mose and Gerald Langenberg; a Lionel Segura, Ollie Vas (manager) and Frank Barras will probably form the outfielding trio.

St. Joseph's should have no difficulty in overcoming the Overseas and Cuban-bancheros, as they play off their remaining first round fixture.

The only angle of interest will be whether Dave Leonard and Remie Segura will be able to better their batting averages, both of whom are only a few percentage points behind leading Spikes Givens.

News has been received from Official "Scorer Philo" Remedios who is at present at Okinawa on duty, that life out at the Land of the Winds is pretty rough, but is compensated by the popularity of baseball and softball there.

It was decided that the point seeding system in Inter-Club billiard matches which began on Monday, March 13, be changed to the first meeting. It was decided that since five players composed a team, each member winning a game would obtain one point for his side. This side has the possibility of winning all five points.

However, it was decided yesterday that only two points would be awarded to the side which won three or more of the five games and the side which had the highest total "score" for the match would score an additional point.

This system will be only able to score three points each match. It was also decided that each of the seven teams competing would have a bye game, two of which would be played on the same day.

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stone, and Helen "Whiz Kid" Ribeiro at the hot corner.

A sure-fire trio comprising Teresa "Choochi" Campos, Elia Thompson and Elva Lee will form the outfielders for this important game.

The untamed Felines have been finding difficulty in rounding up a full team for their last two fixtures which have been postponed, but you can bet they will have all available strength on hand when they tangle with their perennial foes.

Although the Cats are still two games behind the Owls, they are still within the mathematical possibility of winning the championship.

Wildcat line-up is still uncertain, but the battery will probably be Lefty Dolly Brown and Margie Rozario, unless the latter is called upon to take over one of the other infield positions, in which case, the onerous chores will fall to the lot of Effie Babida.

Umpire-in-Chief Don Robbins will call this game.

Junior league

Only three Junior League games are fixed for this week, the Black Hawks completing their fixtures against the Braves.

Rexes, who have had pennant hopes revived as a result of the Hawk setback last week, will meet the Panda Cubs, whom they should beat.

Two exhibition games will be played off between the USS Base and Junior League outfit, the sailors against the Braves.

The Pirates v. Canadians Senior League game has been postponed, as most members of the former team will be participating in a school athletic meet.

Notice has been received from McTearns that owing to departures from the Colony, they will not be able to field a team this week against the White Fangs, and the game will be rearranged for another date.

The following are the starting times on the Old and New Courses at Fanling today and tomorrow:

TODAY—OLD COURSE

1.15 L.L. Shaw—J. K. Kato
2.15 R.D. Bell—K.H. Richard
3.15 E.R. Mackay—W.B. Vaughan
4.15 A. Adams—E.F. Watts
5.15 A.R. de Pina—M.P. de Pina
6.15 H. Murray
7.15 H. Murray

TOMORROW—OLD COURSE

8.15 to 9.15 G.H. Livingston & Co. v. Doherty & Co.
9.15 to 10.15 A.P.C. v. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TODAY—NEW COURSE

8.15 W.O. Davies—D.S. Robb
9.15 A.E. Lissman—B.S. Gordin
10.15 R.D. Bell—K.H. Richard
11.15 J. Calverley—W. Kato
12.15 H.C. Watson—J. Forbes
1.15 P.M. Cotton—J.W. Clarke
2.15 P.D. Arceall—A.H. Madridge
3.15 F.D. Green—T.J. Gibson
4.15 B. Goble—R.D. Rogers
5.15 L.L. Shaw—G.E. Hayes
6.15 E.O. Fincher—W.A. Nicholas
7.15 A.L.G. Eastman—J.J. MacIntyre
8.15 W.H. Kato—E.A. Brodie
9.15 H.A. Cohen—F. de Jong
10.15 P.J. Griffiths—H. Wilbur
11.15 H.P. Phillips—H.O. Galden
12.15 R.H. Nelson—F.O.D. Black
1.15 to 2.15 H.A. de Pina v. Calverley
2.15 to 3.15 D. King—F.A. Broadbridge
3.15 to 4.15 R.K.T. Chen—W.O. Hung
4.15 to 5.15 R. Linaker—R.T. MacIntyre
5.15 to 6.15 B. Barry—W.M. Scallan
6.15 to 7.15 J. Pate—Hunt—W.H. Orton

TOMORROW—NEW COURSE

8.15 Mrs. M.C. Macle—Mrs. R. Burt
9.15 Lady F. Macle—Mrs. R. Burt
10.15 Mrs. A. Macle—Mrs. R. Burt
11.15 Mrs. W.N.A. Macle—Mrs. R. Burt
12.15 Mrs. J. Pate—Mrs. R. Burt
1.15 to 2.15 J. Pate—Mrs. R. Burt
2.15 to 3.15 J. Pate—Mrs. R. Burt
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6.15 to 7.15 J. Pate—Mrs. R. Burt

HKCC "SCORPIONS"

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in the "Scorpions" in a First Division League cricket match against the Commandos today at Chater Ground.

L. F. Stokes, D. J. Kerr, A. Pearce, F. A. Waller, H. Owen, Hughes, R. S. Cull, R. Howard, J. P. O'Donnell, A. P. Waller.

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